

fashion Armstrong pages 16.17

Bosses and unions in joint protest

Budget lorry tax threatens 50,000 jobs

BRITISH industry today delivers a severe post-Budget warning to the Government that its could cost 50,000 jobs in three years and drive haulage com-

In a challenge to Labour's pro-business credentials, the country's leading industrial organisations have combined to condemn Gordon Brown's big increases in fuel costs and taxes on commercial vehicles.

The CBI, British Chambers of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses, National Farmers Union, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association and the Unit-ed Road Transport Union. which represents lorry drivers. have written to The Times saying that current taxation policy will result in more job losses than if the Rover plant at Longbridge were to close. They warn the Chancellor that his Budget will damage industry's ability to compete.

Their unprecedented move comes amid signs that hundreds of lorry firms are considering moving their fleets to the Continent because of the growing gap in taxation levels between the United Kingdom and the rest of the European

The Times has learnt that Eddje Stobart, Britain's biggest private haulier, is threatening to register half his NV-strong fleet in Belgium or Luxembourg, a move that could save the Carlisle-based firm up to £2 million a year.

TV & RADIO 46,47 WEATHER24 CROSSWORDS24.48 LETTERS OBITUARIES PETER RIDDELL.....20 ARTS 18,19 CHESS & BRIDGE ...33 COURT & SOCIAL22 LAW REPORT.....41 FASHION.....16,17 BUSINESS......43-46,48

ong The lancouverses. Tria Sch 50, Release li his lift, Canada Congranaries Present Copra-CII At Den-rick Dkr 2200, Imland Unit 3050, France OR IT OF Germany 1941 5 of Unbrailer 1950, tower Dr. 750, Netherstands H.n.50, Italy L. 1958, Egyernburg 1 (195), Madeira Le. 750, M. 1958, Morawa Dr. 2010, Norway Kr. 2011, Portugal Eve 350, Spain Pes 1948, Norway Kr. 2011, Portugal Eve 350, Spain Pes 1948, Norway Kr. 2011, Soutzerland S. ber 2010, Lumina 1951, 2020, USA 5, 250, Lumina 1951, USA a trip scale to the second of Rahwas Nj Post-oned Send address corrections to the ones are Mercury International 365 Blan



He has already registered some lorries in Holland.

The latest tax rises make large-scale overseas registration a realistic prospect for the first time. The annual cost of taxing a lorry increased by £2,500 to £5,750 in last week's Budget and is well over twice the next highest figure, charged in Austria. and 12 times the cost in France. In Portugal, the cheapest EU country, the cost of taxing a stand-ard lorry is only £308 a year.

In addition, the escalating cost of diesel has meant that filling up a lorry now costs £300 more in Britain than in France. Hauliers claim that the Treasury loses £400 million a year because lorry drivers fill up at overseas ports rather than in Britain.

The Road Haulage Association (RHA) has been deluged with queries from hundreds of operators asking for information on how to "flag out" all or part of their lorry flects to the Continent. While Mr Brown made Budget concessions for light vans, the diesel duty increase lifts the pump price from 64p to 70.6p a litre.

In their letter, the business organisations say that diesel prices in Britain are already twice as high as the highest in Europe. With vehicle excise duty II times higher in Britain than France "it is not surprising that hundreds of transport operators are actively seeking to register their vehicles

And they warn that recent statistics show that a total of 53,000 jobs will disappear from the transport and related industries by 2002 unless current policies are changed.

Hauliers' leaders have also alerted ministers to the huge growth in the number of overseas lorries now operating in Britain, partly because French drivers can buy enough cheap fuel to undercut the prices

charged by their British rivals. The most recent figures show 690,000 overseas forries entering Britain in the year to September 1998, compared to 484,000 in 1996.

Senior haulage industry figures admit that overseas regis tration has some pitfalls and may not suit all companies. Additional local taxes and compulsory overseas insurance can add substantially to costs. Geoff Dossetter, of the Freight Transport Association, said: It won't suit everyone but, although hauliers have often talked about this in the past, we are now seeing a lot of people actually making

serious inquiries." Steve Norris, the former Tory Transport Minister and director general of the RHA. said vesterday: "The cost of taxing the big 40-tonne, five-axle it costs £5.750. That is ridiculous. The Government must review its taxation policies be-

in another letter to The Times today Bernard Jenkin. the Shadow Transport Minister, says that lorries registered in the UK are completely uncompetitive with their EU counterparts. Registering 50 lorries abroad would save an operator hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. Mr

Letters, page 21



Girl found strangled in woods after sex assault

By WARWICK MANSELL

THE distraught parents of a murdered 17-yearold beautician, whose body was discovered in woodland on the edge of a Leicestershire village, spoke last night of the loss of a "wonder-ful" daughter.

Police believe Rebecca Groves was sexually assaulted and strangled as she walked home from a pub in the village of Thringstone, near Ashby-de-la-Zouch, after a night out on Friday. Her body was found dumped in woods known locally as "Spooky Forest", half a mile

from the road along which she would have walked. A post-mortem examination showed ev-idence of sexual assault, and that death was by asphyxiation.
Miss Groves's stepfather, John Murphy, and her mother Alison were too distressed to talk in

public but spoke of their grief in a statement released through Leicestershire police. "We have not yet even begun to understand what has happened or why," they said. "Rebecca was a wonderful young woman who had her

Rebecca's last walk.....

whole life in front of her. Right now the family needs time to be together and to comfort and support each other."

Police said Miss Groves may have known the killer and residents have spoken of their con-cern that the murderer could be living among

Yesterday detectives combed the wood and carried out house-to-house inquiries. An incident room was set up at Loughborough police Detective Superintendent Graham Thomas,

leading the investigation, said: "Her death is a tragedy and our hearts go out to family and friends. Anyone who thinks they can help to find who is responsible must come forward."

Miss Groves had a large circle of friends and there was a genuine sense of shock throughout the village last night. Prayers were said yesterday morning at the village church for the teenager, who one friend said had dreamt of work-

ing on a cruise ship.

Janet Cufflin, a resident, said: "The whole village is devastated. We cannot believe what has happened. My granddaughter said she has had an ache in her heart about what has happened. You don't expect this in a village like this one. The only thing you can do for the family is

Last night, a 20-year-old man was helping police with their inquiries at the Loughborough po-

Judges give the noble art a black eye

FROM JAMES BONE

THE decision in America was unanimous: the sport of boxing suffered a big black eye. American commentators vesterday joined the thousands of British fans who made the trip to New York in denouncing the inexplicable draw declared between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield.

A celebrity-studded crowd. including Keith Richards. Spike Lee, Jack Nicholson. Michael Douglas, Michael J. Fox, Sarah Jessica Parker, Matthew Broderick, Donald Trump and John F. Kennedy Jr. icered as the third judge, Larry O' Connell of Britain. failed to give Lewis the win. Both New York tabloids agreed in front-page headlines that Lewis was robbed, a sentiment that was echoed throughout the American press.

der Holyfield from here to Lon-don - with stopoffs in Jamaica and Canada along the way and back again, " wrote Wallace Manhews, boxing correspondent of the New York

"They robbed Lennox Lewis of the championship he won in the ring," wrote Tony Kornheiser of the Washington Post. They damaged the sport they love. They called a fight a draw when it had been no such thing. It was like Three Blind Mice were scoring. Two Blind Mice anyway." Even the staid New York

Times the decision resembled "a Brinks truck heist perpetrated in front of 21.284" fans. Computer statistics showed the fight was not even close. Spike Lee, the Hollywood director, said: "Evander is my man but Lewis won that

Lewis landed 348 of his 613 punches, or 57 per cent, while



Holyfield connected with only 130 of his 385 attempts, or 34 per cent. The Associated Press

scored the march 117-111 to

Lewis, as did the veteran refe-

ree Harold Lederman, who

was keeping score for the

American pay-per-view TV au-

American judge who gave the match 115-113 to Holyfield, said: "I scored by the blows that connected. I do not have the privilege of the box stats. I did a round-by-round." Ray Jones Jr. the World Boxing Association and World Boxing Council's light heavy-

But Eugenia Williams, the

lion homes.

weight champion, commentatashamed by the decision. The result provoked immediate calls for a federal investigation and new government controls on the sport, with many questioning the role of the veteran promoter Don King. The appeals for reform will not be lost on one member of the audience. Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona, who once made an effort to regulate boxing.

"In my opinion, I thought Lennox Lewis won the fight,"

dience estimated at 1.1-1.4 milthe former New York Senator

Alfonse D'Amato said. Outside Madison Square Garden, even Americans who had been cheering for Holyfield said Lewis had been cheated of victory. "He got that special American shaft, the one with the flag wrapped around it," explained Reg Bul-

lock, a New York lawyer who watched the fight.
The 8,000 British fans who travelled to New York kept their heads on their shoulders and did not try to replay the fight outside the arena.

What impressed me is the English," said Alan Isherwood, who made the trip from Woodford, Essex. "They have come here. They have been completely ripped off, and they have walked away. They have turned the other cheek."

Punch drunk fans, page 5 Leading article, page 21 Fight reports, pages 25, 27

£200m Longbridge deal

The Government will tomorrow offer BMW, the German car maker, a deal to save Rover's Longbridge plant and up to 10,000 jobs. Stephen Byers, the Trade Secretary, will tell the management that £200 million in aid is available but that this must be matched by an investment of up to £1 billion to bring about increased efficiency. Mr Byers will propose that some of the money will be dependent on the firm showing that its productivity is increasing Page 48

Lafontaine blames Right

The former German Finance Minister Oskar Lafontaine broke his silence since resigning and accused Gertiard Schröder's team of letting him down. He told the Social Democratic Party not to swerve to the right. "The heart is not yet traded on the stock exchange. It has a home, and it beats on the left." He felt that the Chancellor was making too many concessions to big business......

Kosovo's deadly peace

Kosovo suffered its worst weekend of violence since the Paris peace talks began. Three bomb attacks, one in a marketplace, left seven people dead and 58 wounded and Serb artillery devastated ethnic Albanian villages. Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, said that the talks, which resume today, must produce a quick result and they could be wound up within a week if there was no agreement Page 12

6:00PM NEWS 35 NOW ON (5)



(REPEATED 6:30PM ON ITV)

Blair is warned of looming electoral rout

TONY BLAIR has been warned that thousands of Lahour seats are at risk in the looming round of elections because the party's machine is

not geared up for the light. Mr Blair is said to be concerned at the extent to which the operation at Millbank Temer, the party's headquarters, is being criticised by Labour cars

Euro MPs have complained that the campaign for the June European elections is not up to scratch. Candidates standing for the Scottish and Welsh are sembly elections have videed similar complaints, with the MP describing the election preparations as "shambolic"

Concern centres on the fact, darrage of money and manpower outpared with the general electrons campaign of 196 The number of staff at Millbook to down by nearly a third area party finances are in the red

The local, European, S. . . tish and Welsh election in May and June present the idea gest challenge so far for Margaret McDonagh, who 1 - 1 over as Labour vigeneral search tary six months ago. In country elections alone. Mr. Blair, barbeen warned, the party comb-lose up to 2,400 of its 0,000 seats if by-election trends or ... the past 12 months hold un.

One figure close to the Prime Minister said of th.

ing alleged illegal immigra-

England constituency, was seen by police when they ar-

rived at the parlour in North-

ampton. He did not give his

Candidates fear they will pay

for the neglect

of the Millbank machine, reports

Roland Watson

of we have give her the and the engineer by Tony to win

terral and Malmank operation and of all other Semine Inn. many of its learthe treation of the Tony Cen-

> the contraction of the the train has been the landslide " ind architects ti da Gordon Gari Mandelson, . rement, and . definer high the past of di-: ' rications, and who was

MP in massage parlour

BY RIGHTED THEOD. HOME CORRESPONDENT

when in the following and im-

metration officers arrived at

if is to make no

A VETERAN Labour MP was the block Mich a married man,

in a massage parlour when it there is a street to make on

was raided by police investigate that incident their months ago

The MP, who has a North of the purious the agent added: England constituency, was 111, bus along his solicitor's

name to officers but it is under-stood that his identity was re-

vealed when checks were at decline to telp afficers as a made on his car registration.

ers has also left. Those among the 130 staff still at Millbank say the candidates' complaints reflect the impossibility of recreating a general election atmosphere in mid-term.

However, MPs are raising serious concerns about the readiness of the campaign. questioning the party's presjust not getting our message across effectively to our own supporters, let alone the public." said one.

Another warned: "We will pay a price. Call it a bloody nose or whatever, but we have not got a Rolls-Royce machine

Ms McDonagh has a reputation as a fearsome organiser, but has been accused of lacking "people management skills", and of being out of touch with the political world outside Millhank. Her team will shortly be

beefed up by the arrival of Phil general secretary in charge of communications. Mr Mur-phy, a former Westminster journalist, is currently serving out his notice as director of communications at the Arts Council.

When he arrives next month to take up a post that has been vacant since last summer, the party will be just weeks away from the higgest mid-term test

Thai massage parlour in Kingsley Park Terrace at the

end of November ... There

was a male person on the

premises, who was commit-

Police are still carrying out

inquiries into the parlour and

five Thai women are on police

hail. Twelve Thai women were

taken into custody and seven

deported after the raid. The seven were found to be illegal

immigrants or had overstayed

ting no criminal offence."



Ulrika Jonnson and her son Cameron arriving in Leicester Square yesterday for the premiere of The Rugrats Movie

Major backs Hague over euro in struggle for unity

BY JAMES LANDALE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR made a rare return to frontline politics yesterday to throw his support be-hind William Hague's opposi-tion to the euro. The former Prime Minister said that he would tote against the euro if a referendum were held now or in a few years' time.

Mr Hague also won a welcome filip when Michael Heschine made what effectively amounted to a pledge of loyal-ty to the Tory leader. Senior Tory sources recently warned that pro-Europeans such as the former Deputy Prime Minister would face expulsion from the party if they stepped out of line on Europe, but Mr Heseltine went out of his way at the weekend to denounce publicly rwn MEPs who recently left the Tory party and set

EMU BACKERS READY FOR BIG PUSH

Supporters of the European single currency will today fire the first shots in what will be effectively the start of a three-year referendum campaign to take Britain into the curo. A cross-party group of businessmen, politicians and trade unionists will launch Britain in Europe, a new one-

brella group pushing for early entry into euroland.

The group, headed by Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge. chairman of British Airways. is lined up against many un-co-ordinated anti-single-currency bodies which have not yet decided if and how they should form a single grouping. Britain in Europe's board includes Lord Hollick, chairman of United News and Media. Giles Radice, MP, of the European Movement, Colin Sharman, of KPMG Interna-tional: and Menzies Campbell for the Liberal Democrats.

up their own Pro-Euro Conservative Party. And although Mr Hague denied that there was any formal truce, he said yesterday that there was now 'mutual respect" between him and the pro-European wing of his party.

In an interview with the BBC's Breakfast with Frost programme. Mr Major said: "I would not go into the cure at the moment. I would vote No. If there was a referendum in the next few years. I would certainly vote No to abolishing sterling and entering into the

Mr Heseltine, speaking at a fringe meeting of the Tory parn's spring forum in Reading. said it was the "height of folly" for the MEPs John Stevens

up a breakaway pro-euro party. He said that he "deplored" the decision and dismissed speakers urging him to vote for the new group.
"I do not believe that weak-

ening the Conservative Party advances the prospect of power for that party." he said. "I believe that great political parties are coalitions of many views and traditions. It is incumbent on those who hold deep views to express them within the great force that is the Conservative Party."

But Mr Stevens, speaking on ITV's Sunday programme. insisted that voters must be given the opportunity to vote for a pro-European Tory party. He said: "There is no prospect of unity on the centre-right of British politics until the issue of Europe is resolved and that will come in a referendum on the single currency." Mr Hague told BBCI's On

the Record that pro-European MPs such as Ian Taylor and David Curry should not be "driven out of the Conservative Party". He said: "Those people are Conservatives and the Conservative Party is going to remain a broad church. People are allowed to be Con-servatives without agreeing with 100 per cent of the poli-cies. But the party's policy on Mr Major's remarks over

Europe - pre-recorded last Thursday - were overshad-owed by reports that he was angry at Mr Hague's repeated criticism of the party's record. Mr Hague told Tories in Reading that the party should admit to past mistakes so it can focus on the future and stop Labour reminding voters about past Tory administrations. He insisted this was not being "disloyal" to past leaders.

But a senior Tory said that Mr Major was "offended by these non-stop apologies". And Alan Clark, Tory MP for Kensington and Chelsea, told Sunday: "I don't feel at all comfortable with the way he's attacking his immediate prede cessors. He may disclaim this

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gene food firms agree 'voluntary' crop delays

The Government and the biotechnology industry are on the brink of an agreement that will prevent genetically modified crops being planted in Britain at least until the year 2002.

The decision will be hailed as a "voluntary" deal by ministers when it is unveiled shortly. Tony Blair, who has public-ly backed the benefits of GM crops, does not want to be seen to be forcing the industry to take decisions and there will be no government ban.
But, according to informed sources, it will amount to an acceptance by industry that that there was little chance of getting the go-ahead to plant crops in the current sensitive climate over GM foods.

A three-year delay would be in line with the stance of English Nature, the Government's wildlife advisory body, which has said there should be a moratorium until more data is available.

Balloon record

Brian Jones. 51, from Wilt-shire, and Bertrand Piccard, 41, from Switzerland, the pilots of the balloon Breitling Orbiter 3, last night broke the 14.235-mile distance record for an unfuelled non-stop flight.

They were next hoping to join a jet-stream near Hawaii in their attempt to be the first round the world.

Man and son die

A father who separated from his wife two weeks ago was found dead with his two-yearold son after telling his parents they were going to the sea-Brinnen, 26, and his son Daniel were discovered in a fumefilled car in the garage of Mr Brinnen's parents' home in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire.

Royal aide quits

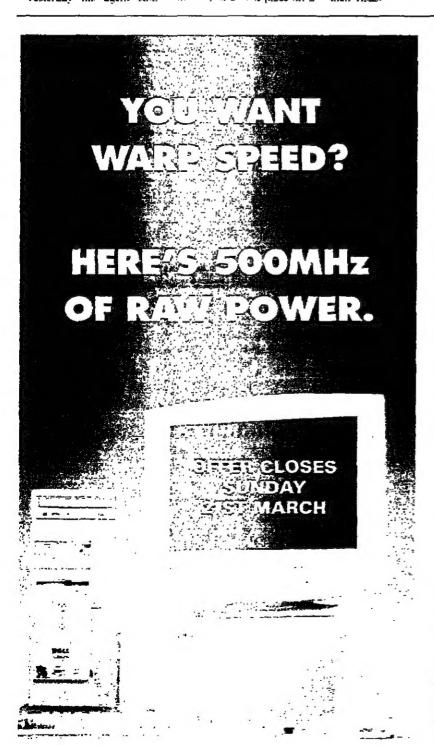
A secretary in the Prince of Wales's office resigned after allegations of sexual harassment against one of his aides. Juliet Franks left because she was unhappy at the handling of her complaints against his assistant private secretary. Nick Archer, who is with the Prince in the Falklands. Prince's homage, page 6

Bronze Age find

Beachcombers at Spurn Point. East Yorkshire, have found a piece of wood that experts say belonged to a 4,000-year-old Bronze Age olank boat. Robert Van de Noort, an archaeologist from Hull University, said: "This coastal find supports evidence that this kind of boat was used for inter-continental trading."

trom

a day



where instruction Processor 500MHs.



market. With a, was don't at our deliver enhanced 30 mark to fee stanging multimedia processionera Tradi mete, really competitive price. he coll Dell the wild later date 20 summiscured the and at owned the

DELL DIMENSION™ XPS T500

- "may" ##12 . 21 Frage • 500E 1000 - 1000 -
- 12:562* \$74:07 -91, 75 /6 • 5128/5 letunu Cathell
- Tribble 2024 Verse \$15.91 Sewape Area CCP an order. • 477 (per 372 619 30 534 At A feet
- Treparative on 64 librations
- Cassers lature 17/30 (\$400000)
- 4 PC 1 PC 1 T2 17875 773
- The Loss of The Market Artists 186

£1,099 (£1,332.45 :::)

THE PERSON WAS NOT A COURSE

• Weight Wind Sine S. E. YEAR

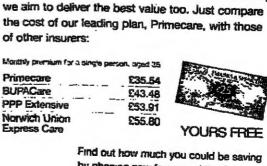




and the same of their actioning all practices

and Brendan Donnelly to set You Can Now Speak To Your Family & Friends Overseas for Longer... AND FOR LESS MONEY! LOW COST RATES APPLY 24HRS/7 DAYS 23 9 23 (RELAND ITALY 10 | 25 NETHERLANDS 9 34 ICS CHINA 14 SPAIN 35 48 102 6 ISRAEL 13 75 CANADA 8 GERMANY 8 AUSTRALIA 25 9 31 NEW ZEALAND 10 42 MALAYSL BRAZIL *32 32 14 33 ALGERIA 31 RUSSIA 33 99 HONG KONG ■ No Need To Change Your Phone No. ■No Monthly Fees ■ No Connection Charge ■ No Hidden Costs # Free 0800 Access "We're Here To Stay!" Callmate Telecom (UK) Limited

but in fact the criticisms were levelled at Mrs Thatcher and John Major." Health insurance Compare our prices then just give us a call Come to Prime Health to discover health insurance with a difference. As part of the Standard Life Group, of other insurers: Norwich Union

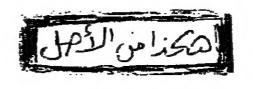


by phoning now for a no-obligation quote. We'll even send you a FREE £25 Marks & Spencer voucher if you join Prime Health before 31st March 1999.

0800 7799 55 to find out more

Prime Health

A member of the Standard Life Group



parameter in व्यास सामहत्तः

coming grant states

The and the BT faces Suri

COMPUTER A

paint by a mac"

TORISCS WOTTER

anny has locate

COME CINETE

some des vil

agy products in .

personal emper.

and manufe ist

phone brai STEWN HALL. A FURNIER BELL CONTRACT TO PAGE

WORDS IN THE COURSE IN Dag nobik in ; School Out aniar may per o per c ni pi lip it is stated to the state of th 医阿阿斯特

loy'helic()pt

Community in grief at girl's murder

Police fear teenager was killed after accepting lift on her way home from pub, reports Warwick Mansell

A RURAL community was in a state of shock yesterday after a 17-year-old student was murdered as she walked home from a night out at a pub.

Police discovered the body of Rebecca Groves in Charnwood Forest, a beauty spot known locally as Spooky Forest, on the edge of the village of Thringstone, near Ashby de la

Zouch, Leicestershire. Miss Groves had spent Friday evening with a girlfriend and her friend's boyfriend, in the village's Hare and Hounds pub. She was last seen alive at 11.20pm, leaving by foot to make the 1/2-mile trip to her parents' terraced house in the village, despite pouring rain.

But she never arrived home. Her anxious mother. Alison, and stepfather, John Murphy. contacted the police after conducting their own frantic search for Miss Groves, a hair-and-beauty student at nearby Coalville Technology

dumped half a mile from the lane she would have used to get home, at 6.30am on Saturday. The road has fields on one side and houses on the oth-er. The teenager had been sexually assaulted and strangled.

Yesterday police were looking into the possibility Miss Groves could have known her

Detective Superintendent

She was a pleasant girl. Her parents were strict about her getting home?

Graham Thomas, leading the investigation, said: "One of the possibilities is that she was offered a lift by someone. We cannot say whether she knew the attacker, but she was not the kind of girl to accept a lift from someone she did not know." The fact it was raining have tempted her to accept a lift, he added.

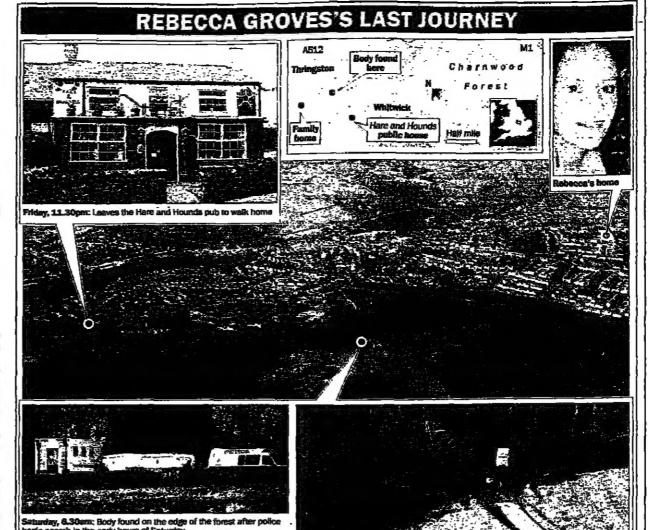
He added: "Her death is a tragedy and our hearts go out to lamily and friends. Anyone who thinks they can help find who is responsible must come forward now."

Mr Thomas added that the body was found just yards into the woodland near a lay-by on

the fringes of Thringstone. Police teams, including a helicopter, searched the woods vesterday, and carried out house-to-house inquiries, Customers who were at the pub on Friday night were questioned, and an incident room set up at Loughborough police station.

As Mrs Groves spoke of her grief in a statement last night. police said her daughter's natural father. Paul Groves, had been informed of her death.
Alwyn Hill, who runs the

Hare and Hounds pub, which had been hosting a 40th birthday party on Friday night, said: "The whole village is in shock. No one can believe this has happened on our own doorstep, and for all I know I



may have served the killer. It is horrific

The young girl was in here on Friday night — she had ar-ranged to meet her friend in here - but said she was running late. The place was packed, and there were about 30 strangers. She was not in here long. She was a very pleasant, well-mannered girl and her parents were strict about her getting home by lipm. I got woken in the early hours be-

cause her parents were looking for her.

Agnes Smith, who represents Thringstone on the district council, said: "People are worried about their families. I know that one man is not letting his daughter out of his sight, and others are worried about their children. It's an anxious time for everyone." A 16-year-old schoolgiri said: "I don't know why Rebec-

ca would have gone to the

wood, as we know it as Spooky Forest, it looks so scary. It's very dense, and there are rocky outcrops that you can imagine people hiding behind." Rebecca's friend, Mark Fer-guson, 17, said: "She was a re-

ally nice girl and very popular in the village. She was always very polite and took time out to talk to people. It is absolutely terrible what has happened. It is such a tragic waste.

Prayers were said for Miss

Groves at St Andrew's, the village church. The vicar, the Rev Ken Watson, said: "We should pray for the family today. I know we will want to support

the family in any way we can." Another friend of Miss Groves said: "She wanted to be a hairdresser and dreamed of working on a cruise ship. It's hard to believe she's dead." Last night police said that a

man aged 20 was being held in connection with the death.

Boy dies in freak model plane accident

By CHRISTINE MIDDAY

AN II-YEAR-OLD boy was killed by a model aeroplane yesterday as he and his father watched a club

display. Witnesses said the plane dived out of the sky and hit the boy in the back of the head, throwing him lor-

wards. The accident happened at a private model aeroplane club in Colney Heath, Hertfordshire.

It is understood to have been the first time the father and son had visited the site. Inspector Tony Scott, speaking from the scene, said the boy's father had wanted to become a club member. The pair had been watching the air display from a designated safe zone which is cor-

doned off with cones. "When the emergency services got here, the boy was already dead. His lather was extremely traumapised and cradling his dead son in his arms," he said.

Robert Drury, a neighbour and remote control aeroplane enthusiast, said: Those aeroplanes are lethal weapons. They come flying down from 1,000ft with engines spinning at

12,000 revs a minute." However, he added that accidents were rare and that dubs enforced smich safety rules and had designated flying areas.

About an hour before the accident, a group of people had been asked to leave the dub. Andrew Homeyard. 27, said: "We were politely asked to move back to the car park because as nonmembers we were not covered by the club's insurance. There are loads of

signs warning people about the model planes." Graham Lynn, MBE. the general secretary of the British Model Flying Association, said an inquiry would be held into the accident. Police were last night questioning the shocked controller of the plane.

Computer retailers 'snub women's buying power'

By Alexandra Frean SOCIAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

COMPUTER showrooms are dominated by a macho culture that patronises women and ignores their growing purchasing power, a new study has found.

Condescending attitudes towards female customers are common in or stores that sell information technology products and services, such as personal computers, Internet access and mobile telephones.

The study, conducted by the public relations company Cohn &

Wolfe, also found that IT advertising and marketing fail to take advantage of the growing number of computer-literate "techno-femmes"

James Murphy, the author of the study, said that while some computer and mobile telephone companies had tried to appeal to women by changing the design or colour of their products, such a superficial approach would lead only to short-

He cites the case of the Apple iMac in 1998, a personal computer with a new, curvy design, which was advertised with the slogan "Chic. Not geek".

"How does that help the women who say they would like to improve their hi-tech skills and learn more about the new communication technologies?" he asked.

Mr Murphy said that IT companies were losing a valuable segment of the market by failing to address the needs of women, many of whom need new technology to help them juggle the demands of their work and home lives.

There is very little evidence that women's social progress and profes-

sional success is being actively rec-ognised in the marketing used to sell technology," he said.

A Gallup poll conducted for the study suggests that the perception of men as being interested in how technological products work and of women as being interested only in

It found that 30 per cent of women and 27 per cent of men were very interested in all the specific details when buying a personal computer. When it came to buying Internet access, the figures were 18 per cent for men and 16 per cent for women. But when asked how confident they felt when buying such products, 19 per. cent of men said they were very confident, compared to just eight per

cent of women. Mr Murphy said that the relative lack of confidence of women was due in part to the fact that IT sales people were less sensitive to their

There is no doubt that women with jobs are still doing more household tasks than men. The New Man was a myth that lasted about ten minutes. IT companies should connect with this reality of women's

lives and give them something of value," he said.

Sarah Woodbridge, a spokesper-son for Cyberia, which runs eight Internet cafes, said that there was no evidence to suggest that women knew less about computers than

Ms Woodbridge said that 45 per cent of customers at the company's cafes were women.

When I am with clients, they will often turn to my male colleagues to ask a computer question. whereas I am the one that actually knows the answers," she said.

BT faces suit for mobile phone 'brain damage'

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

A FORMER British Telecom engineer is planning to sue the company over brain damage that he claims was caused by using mobile telephones. Stephen Corney, 39, said yes-

terday that he believed his short-term memory loss was linked to the use of mobile Albhones for hours at a time during his job. He left BT last summer and

compile medical and scientific evidence to back his case. They plan to seek more than £100.000 in damages. Mr Corney worked for BT from 1986 until 1996, when he left on sick leave. He said that after using digital mobile telephones he felt as if there was a steel band round my head

and the longer I stayed on the phone the tighter it got", and that the area around his ear would heat up. He said that he had an itch in his car that felt like a trapped insect, and that after using the mobile telephone he

often felt "punch drunk". Mr Corney, who lives in Bedfordshire with his partner and their three children, said: When I was first off work I would go shopping and I would go shopping and I joyed life and enjoyed his job. Now he gets very frustrated because he is unable to do the

small enough to fit inside the boot of a

car could soon be clearing minefields

Equipped with highly-sensitive detect-

ing equipment, the helicopter was devel-

oped by a British engineer and has suc-

cessfully located hidden anti-personnel

devices in recent trials. In a couple of

wecks, the helicopter will be fitted with

artificial intelligence so it will be able to

carry out tasks and return to base with-

Every week mines kill or maim an estimated 550 people in the Third World. The task of finding and disarm-

out the need of a human operator.

without putting human lives at risk.



Mr Corney blames his memory loss on mobile telephones

shopping in the boot of the car, get into the car and see the list and not realise I had already done it and so I would go back

and do the shopping again.
"I tried fixing my washing machine, which took ten weeks to fix and should have taken half an hour - and that was working on it all day, every day.
"When I was first off work I

was in a bad state and I knew something had gone wrong in my head. I was scared."

Mr Corney's partner Lisa
Hutchings, said: "He was a very outgoing person with a good sense of humour and ensimplest of tasks." Ms Hutchings said that his condition had improved since he had left

Mr Corney's lawyer, Tom Jones of Thompson's Solici-tors, said: "I have every belief that Stephen has gone through something which has been

caused by mobile phones."

The evidence linking mobile phones to memory loss is confusing. Dr Henry Lai, of the University of Washington in Seattle, found in studies on rats that short-term use could stimulate the production of the brain chemical acetylcholine, which is important for memory, but that sustained use suppresses it, causing the memory to deteriorate.

Climber killed in Ben Nevis avalanche

BY JASON ALLARDYCE

NEW avalanche warnings were issued in the Scottish Highlands last night after an-

other man died on Ben Nevis. The Northern Constabulary named the dead climber as Charles Connor, 23, from Bangor, Co Down, in Northern Ireland. He was a student living

in Edinburgh. His body was recovered from a gully close to the mountain summit by rescue teams from Lochaber and RAF Kinloss after an avalanche on

His fellow climber, Katie Carr, 23, also from Edin-burgh, was last night in a "serious but stable condition" after being airlifted to Belford Hospital in Fort William. She suffered head and neck injuries. Last December four people were killed in an avalanche in

nearby Aonach Mor. Police said the danger of avalanches in certain areas of the Highlands yesterday was considerable. "We have had avalanche warnings in the region over the last three or four days and at this time of year it is not uncommon," a police spokes-

The Scottish Avalanche Information Centre also said there was a risk across the

if you have a mortgage and can answer yes to any of the following questions, we'll prove we can save you money.

do you have a current account?

do you owe money on your credit card?

do you have any savings?

do you have any personal loans?

All you need to do is remortgage with a Virgin One account and have borrowings of more than £50,000. Call us and we'll show you how much you can save...



To sort out the rest of your finances, call Virgio Direct on 0345 93 93 93 for PEPs, penalous & life cover. The Virgin One account is a secured personal bank account with The Royal Bank of Scottand pic YOUR HOME IS AT RESK IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPRIMENTS ON A MORTGAGE OR OTHER LOAN SECURED ON IT. Call us for an Essential Guide. Life Insurance is required. You must be aged 18 or over. The One account must be repaid by the time you retire. The rate of interest depends on the amount borrowed companed to the valua of your frome. For example, if you borrowed E70,000 secured against a home worth £120,000, you would pay 6.7%. This rate is variable and correct at 8.2.99, in this example, over 25 years a customer retnortgaging a freehold home in England would pay 6.9% APR. This APR includes land registration fees and our solicitor's and valuer's fees which you will have to pay, in this example these fees would amount to £432. You would also have to pay your own solicitor's fees. In critulating the APR we have

assumed you will pay your solicitor £100. Assuming that you have an income of £35,000 a year, spent evenly throughout the month, paying your income into the One account would reduce your borrowings and save you interest at 6.7%. This alone would repay the borrowing on a 25 year £70,000 loan 11 months early, saving £5,029. If an annual pay rise of 5% was added, where an extra 1% of total earnings was left in the One account each year, the loan would be repaid 10 years 7 months earlier, saving £29,339. Paying £2,500 savings into the account as well would repay the loan 11 years 2 months earlier saving £33,035. Bramples of what you may be paying if you organise your finances all over the place are Barclaycard Standard APR 21.4% (unsecured): Lloyds Bank Unsecured Personal Loan APR 13.6% and Natwest Credit Zone Oversialt APR 24.3% [assuming an overdraft of £1,000, monthly interest rate of 1,38% and monthly fee of £3]. Transferring these borrowings to the One account would mean that you pay 6,7% on all your borrowings. Source: Moneyfacts 2/2/99. Calls are recorded and randomly monitored. The Virgin One account is not currently available in Northern Ireland. Virgin Direct Personal Finance Ltd., Discovery House, Whiting Road, Norwich, NR4 6EL Representative only of Virgin Direct Personal Finance Ltd.

'Toy' helicopter to seek landmines

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

many highly-trained mine clearance

The Nitrohawk, which has a speed up to 156mph, is fitted with a device capable of detecting modern plastic mines, as well as cameras and a "sniffer" which tells the difference between liquids such as water and petrol. It can hover a couple of feet above a suspect device relaying live pictures back to its operator. Until now model helicopters have been notoriously difficult to

fly. requiring lightning reactions from the controller to avoid disaster. Bob Channon. 54, a researcher in the

A REMOTE-controlled helicopter ing the devices has claimed the lives of Intelligent Autonomous Systems laboratory at the University of the West of England, whose previous inventions include an injector pen used by 50 per cent of Britain's insulin-dependent diabeties, said: "There are many possible applications for the Nitrohawk, from tracing underground pipes to finding buried bodies, but clearing minefields is the one closest to my heart. Two or three of these machines could check an acre of land in ten to 15 minutes."

At £25,000 it is also cheaper than other remote-control machines, such as the Wheelbarrow, which examines suspect devices in Northern Ireland.

Oxford's Messiah is branded a fake

Authenticity of a violin renowned as one of Stradivari's finest is now in doubt, reports Dalya Alberge

THE authenticity of one of the that his original results were greatest violins accredited to Antonio Stradivari has been

called into question. The instrument, known as The Messiah, is owned by the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. It has been dated to 1716, and has been seen as a flaw-

less Stradivarius jewel. Now Stewart Pollens, associate conservator of musical instruments at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, has suggested that the violin is inconsistent with Stradivari's other work. His findings, pub-lished in the Journal of the Violin Society of America, discuss design features such as the curling opening on the violin's face, which he regards as unprecedented. He points to an incorrect marking: the letters G and PG were used by Stradivari to differentiate sizes: and while The Messiah matches the PG measure-

ment, it bears a G. His conclusions were supported by a dating of the wood which suggests it was a spruce chopped down after Stradivari died in 1737. The test was done by Peter Klein, a dendrochronologist — a scientist specialising in wood dating - at the University of Hamburg: he gave a likely date of 1738.

Dr Klein yesterday insisted

"preliminary", based on a photograph - something he had made clear to Dr Pollens. He offered the date only "for discussion", he said. It had been impossible, he said, to see beneath the strings in the photograph; he has since visited Oxord to see the real thing. "There were fewer rings in

the photograph than in reali-ty." Until he has all the measurements, he says, "I cannot say if it is a Strad or not". John Topham, a violin-

restorer trained in dendrochronology of instruments, said Dr Klein had "arrived at an assessment before being certain about the data . . . dendrochronologists do not give provisional or working dates outside the laboratory". He believes that The Messi-

ah's wood matches an instrument known to date from 1717: they may have come from the same tree. His findings, he said, had been verified by sci-entists at Sheffield University.

The Messiah got its nick-name when a violinist said to the owner, who would not show it to him: "Your violin is like The Messiah. One expects him, but he never appears." It was acquired by the Hill family who donated it in 1939 - along with a collection of



The violin at issue, known as The Messiah

the finest string instruments in the world — to the Ashmolean. Andrew Hill, a senior partner of W.E. Hill, accused Dr Pollens of having a "private agenda". "He can't see why dealers like our family were giving something like this away. Someone like Polkens dismisses such altruism."

He suggested that Dr Klein had backtracked on his original theory and described Dr Pollens's conclusions as mumbo-jumbo: "if he'd looked at 300 or 400 Strads, as I have. he'd know a lot more about it". Yesterday Dr Pollens defended his theory, noting that

the G marking was not in the Hills catalogue of 1902. "It has been altered while in the possession of the Hills. It is a common thing in the violin world

the relabelling of instruments, not in a fraudulent manner but to confirm an evaluation."

He said that Dr Klein had never suggested that his data were preliminary: "He wrote to me saying he was sure of his analysis." The rings which Dr Klein could not see under the strings in the photograph, he said, would only add a year or so to the date. That The Messiah matched another instrument proved nothing. Timothy Wilson, of the Ash-

molean, said: "The Ashmolean is only interested in the pursuit of the truth and we look forward to seeing evidence laid out in a scientific way."

A British dealer, Peter Bid-

dulph, dismissed any doubts about The Messiah, describing it as an extraordinary instrument, in such superlative condition that "it's like new". □ An organisation is being set up to counter the international trade in stolen musical instruments, in response to the vast increase in their theft. It is the idea of the violin-restorer George Eittinger, who has been establishing a database, to go on the Internet, with photographs and detailed technical data, that specialists will be able to tap into if confronted with a suspect instrument.

LINKS



Two papillon toys looking their best for the Crufts judges at the Birmingham NEC yesterday. Graycaz Oliviar, left, is the aunt of Geanzger Sofine Graycaz. They are owned by Caroline Lee-Farnsworth of Manchester. Results, page 22

Demo threatens Channel traffic

CHANNEL lorry drivers and tourists face delays today as Calais port workers demonstrate over the threatened ending of duty free goods. The protesters plan to block ferries and Eurotunnel trains.

Police in Kent said that a section of the M20 could be shut to accommodate lorries queueing for crossings. Inspector Peter Savage said that Operation Stack was ready to be put into action, with the motorway remaining closed for as long as the queues lasted. He said: "We hope the dispute does not last all day, but we have to be prepared to cope with disrup-

tion for as long as it takes."

A spokesman for P & O StenaLine said he understood that the action against

ferries was due to begin at 9am French time (8am in Britain) and last for six hours. Their service would be suspended from 6.15am, with the next ferry leaving Dover about 12.15pm. He said: "As usual it is the British passenger who has to bear the brunt of a protest like this."

A Euroturinel spokeswoman said that it had been told the Calais port workers would block its entrance and exit in France from Ilam to 2pm British time. She said: "We have spent time over the past couple of days contacting those who have tickets to inform them of the industrial action.

we are advising day-trippers that it may

not be worth going at all." The Freight Transport Association said the dispute - on the busiest day of the week for Channel hautiers — could cost industry about El million. A spokesman said: "Lorries cannot travel on French roads during the weekend, so Mondays are especially busy. Truck schedules are always very tight, so this is going to have a knock-on effects for the whole week."

He said that truck drivers were again being caught up in a dispute that had nothing to do with them. "If you were to speak to drivers at Dover tomorrow, you "We are advising passengers they should not travel unless they have to and angry at this." (PA News)

Park tourists face £1 tax

By Paul Wilkinson, north east correspondent

VISITORS to the North York can be linked with specific Moors National Park could soon be asked to pay a levy to fund conservation projects in the area. They might find themselves paying between 50p and £1 on top of their bills in cafes, pubs and hotels, or for attendance at specific events.

A report to go before mem-bers of the pank susherity to morrow says an entrance fee was neither succeptable inor Tradical Dorwhor it calls visitor payback, provided 'a more direct way of tapping management needs. It also has the advantage of allowing the visitor to relate personally to the project they are contrib-

uting towards."
Officials, whose annual budget of £3 million for the 554 sq mile park is already tightly stretched, believe peo-pie will be happy to pay a vol-untary 50p to £1 as a recognition of the work done to protect the scenery and surroundings they come to enjoy.

This year the 15,000 people ing part in ors

events such as car rallies. mountain biking or orienteering competitions in the park would be asked to contribute. but the scheme could encompass all the eight million who visit the moors each year.

David Brewster, head of park services said: "In no way will this ever replace our usual funding from Government, local authorities and other grants, but it could make all the difference on some key projects. It would be entirely voluntary and people would

22.

WRINKLES & ACNE SCARS



In one, or possibly two treatment sessions, our laser skin rejuvenation treatment can reduce and remove your lines, wrinkles and acne scars, tightening and restoring your skin back to a smooth youthful appearance.

Even those "bleeding" lipstick lines around the lips and loose skin and "crow's feet" lines around the eyes, can be reduced and removed.

In fact, skin blemishes and acne scars can also be effectively removed by one of our experienced laser surgeons.

For a confidential consultation (without charge) with one of our experienced nurses. please telephone our national number below to get instantly connected to your nearest clinic. OTHER PROCEDURES FOR MEN AND WOMEN INCLIDE:
FAT REMOVAL, BREAST, NOSE, FACE AND EAR RE-SHAPING,
EYELID SURGERY, VARICOSE AND THREAD VEIN REMOVAL
COLLAGEN REPLACEMENT THERAPT, PENIS ENLARGEMENT,
LASER TREATMENTS FOR SNORTING PROBLEMS, ALSO
A SPECIALISED SKIN CARE RANGE NOW AVAILABLE

66LFC/0399

THE HARLEY MEDICAL GROU 6 Harley Street, London WIN IAA

LASER HAIR REMOVAL ESTABLISHED 1947

FOR YOUR NEAREST CLINIC TREATMENT AVAILABLE TELEPHONE 0870 603 4444 CLINICS IN LONDON - CITY OF LONDON - WINDELEDON - BERNINGHAM - BRIGHTON - BRISTOL - LEEDS - MANCHESTER - NEWCASTLE

MARKS & SPENCER FINANCIAL SERVICES

Marks & Spencer Financial Services announce a decrease in interest rates for all Account Cardholders.

PAYMENT METHOD	CURRENT RATES	NEW APR RATES EFFECTIVE FROM IST APRIL 1999	
BALANCES UP	TO £1,800		
Direct Debit	25.7%	25. 4%	
Cheque/Cash	26.7%	26.0%	
Direct Debit	25.7%	25.4%	
Cheque/Cash	25.7%	25.4%	
ALANCES £1,00	O AND OVE	R	
Direct Debit	21.9%	21.5%	
Cheque/Cash	21.9%	21.5%	
Direct Debit	21.9%	21.5%	
Cheque/Cash	21.9%	21.5%	
	Direct Debit Cheque/Cash Direct Debit	METHOD RATES BALANCES UP TO £1,000 Direct Debit 25.7% Cheque/Cash 26.7% Direct Debit 25.7% Cheque/Cash 25.7% ALANCES £1,000 AND OVE Direct Debit 21.9% Cheque/Cash 21.9% Direct Debit 21.9%	### BALANCES UP TO £1,000 Direct Debit 25.7% 25.4% Cheque/Cash 26.7% 25.4% Cheque/Cash 25.7% 25.4% Cheque/Cash 25.7% 25.4% Cheque/Cash 25.7% 25.4% 25.4% Direct Debit 21.9% 21.5% Direct Debit 21.9% 21.5% Direct Debit 21.9% 21.5% Direct Debit 21.9% 21.5%

REPAYMENT TERMS: Chargecard holders - the minimum monthly payment is 5% of the Statement balance or £10, whichever is greater. Budgetcard holders - pay a minimum of £10 per month (spending limit is 25 times your monthly payment).

sons are orankely on request from Marks and Spencer Financial Services Litmacd, Kings Meadow, Chester Business Park, Classier, CR99 9FB, Wichael House, Baker Sweer, London, WTA 1DN, Registered in England No.1772585



Fight fans hit out at ringside 'mugging'

IN NEW YORK

BRITISH fans who spent their savings to travel to the big fight in New York left the arena punch-drunk after what they described as a mugging at Madison Square Garden. Many identified the suspect as

Don King, The hundreds of armed police sent to keep order had failed to protect Lennox Lewis's forforn supporters from the injustice perpetrated upon them, and afterwards they streamed quietly into lo-cal bars to drown their sor-

"From the airport, a taxi driver told us no one got turned over any more in New York because the crime has gone down," said Jim Garner of Nuneaton. "I'll tell you what: a guy was turned over in

that boxing ring tonight." Dozens of the fans who made the trip without tickets paid \$25 (£15) to watch the fight on television in a bar rather than risk getting tricked by



The big fight attracted many Hollywood celebrities, including Michael Douglas and Jack Nicholson

But those who really felt cheat-

Whether draped in the Union Jack or suited and booted in evening dress, Lewis loyalists from across the country the social spectrum seemed as stunned as if they had been in the ring them-

"It's a complete farce," complained Samuel Philips from Birmingham. "It was daylight robbery. All the way from Birmingham to watch this. It's just a waste of money." John Harris, a Chelsea pensioner who stood out in the crowd in his red dress uniform, brought his son to watch the title fight to mark his fortieth birthday.

"It's disgusting, really," Mr Harris said. "I will go to the rematch if it's in England, but not out here. You know what is going to happen here." "I feel totally gutted," his present having backfired. With quick flashes of Cockney wit, some theorised about the state not just of boxing but of the United States, seeing the decision as a symptom of a general cultural malaise.

"That's the same judges that let Clinton off," said Dominic Jones from West London. "It's the same judges that let O.J. off. How can Americans live with themselves? I would have preferred Lennox to lose, because this feeling is worse." Alan Isherwood of Wood

ford, Essex, said: "It's soured the goodwill of the Brits who had come over here - and they came over in such big numbers and spent such big

They feel cheated. The effect will be not so much on boxing as on America. Even Americans are embarrassed about it. It's the monetary manipulation of the world." As soon as they stepped out

of the arena. American specta-

from Lennox Lewis." tors flipped open their mobile One stunned American fan just stood on the pavement rement with friends. Even

among Holyfield supporters,

the verdict was unanimous: "I

was rooting for Holyfield and

I still think that was a horrible

result," said Don Ende, a New

York lawyer. "It was stolen

Wearing the flag. Lennox Lewis fans outside Madison Square Garden before the disappointment of the fight result peating over and over again: Lennox Lewis is the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world; Lennax Lewis is the undisputed heavyweight

champion of the world." Fears of a football-style brawl after the big fight did

not materialise, as the travel-

ling fans dispersed into the ately city's nightclubs, bars and sex annot shops to try to salvage their weekend away from home.

At the Sporting Bar across the street from Madison Square Garden, the jubilation over what had seemed like certain victory soured immediannounced. "It's the old saying: You have to knock 'em out to win in America," said David Gibson from Yorkshire. He had watched it on the bar's television, having refused to buy tickets offered to him by touts at \$1,000 each.



By JOANNA BALE

LARRY O'CONNELL, who declared the fight a draw, is Britain's second longest serving star-class referee and no stranger to controversy.

In 1992 Frank Bruno was extremely critical of him in a television commentary of the thrilling super-middleweight title fight between Henry Wharton and Fidel Castro Smith in Leeds, when Bruno agreed with Harry Carpenter that Smith was well ahead. A few minutes later. O'Connell raised Wharton's hand in victory by the narrowest margin of 118 to 1174 points.

Bruno, on the advice of his lawyers, later apologised saying he had the "highest regard" for O'Connell. But yesterday Bruno called the New ing decision I've ever seen in the boxing ring".

In recent months, O'Conneil, a former boxer turned gold engraver from Kent, has been the only judge on panels of three to back the loser in two important title fights. In the WBC welterweight battle between the American Oscar de la Hoya and the Ghanaian Ike Quartey in Newcastle last month. O Connell raised some

eyebrows by being the only judge to back Quartey. O'Connell also backed another loser last year in Kevin Lueshing's light-middleweight win over Nicky Thurbin in

117 to 112, the two other judges gave Lueshing the win with a 16-112 verdict. O'Connell, who is in his 60s, said of his verdict in New York: "I know I'll get some stick, but it's my decision to call the fight as I see it. When I score each round, I never know what the overall score is going to be. Some British boxing writers also made it a draw.

Eugenia Williams, who declared Holyfield the winner by 115 to 113, is said to have scored Lewis's most decisive round. the fifth, to the American. She said she saw Holyfield throw more punches, contrary to official statistics. In her forties, she has been judging professional fights since 1989 and is one of about a dozen women. pionship bouts. Lewis's man-Frank Maloney, revealed last night that he had objected to Williams as a

judge in concern over her experience, but the IBF assured him that she was suitable. Stanley Christodolou, the South African who awarded the fight to Lewis by 116-113 verdict, is widely respected, says

Don Majeski, a boxing histori-an. He helped to integrate box-ing under the apartheid re-gime and has just retired as executive director of the South African Boxing Board. He has been the top-rated WBA judge for 15 years. In his 50s, he judged his first world light in 1974 in Johannesburg.

Keeping count of all the rules

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

THE scoring rules that governed the Lennox Lewis-Evander Holyfield draw appear deceptively simple but are prone to wide interpreta-

Because Saturday night's prize was three championship belts, the judge selec-tion was straightforward: one official from each of the boxing organisations.

Technically, a boxing judge should be little more than a bean-counter, tallying up the clean blows land-ed by each fighter in each round to decide the winner of that round, and then adding up the number of won rounds to determine the overall winner.

A landed blow is defined as one struck with the front of the glove that hits the opponent's target areas: above the waist and the front of the face and chest.

A blow struck with the outside of the glove or a heavy slap, no matter how hard, does not count. Neither does a solid punch to the back or the back of the

The most interpretive element of judging is deciding if a blow connected when the target fighter is leaning away or ducking. In most fights, there are at least a hundred such swipes, and it is up to the judges to work out which ones inflicted damage and which ones

were near-misses. At the end of each round, the judg-es award ten points to the person who landed more solid punches, and nine points to his opponent. But a boxer who knocks

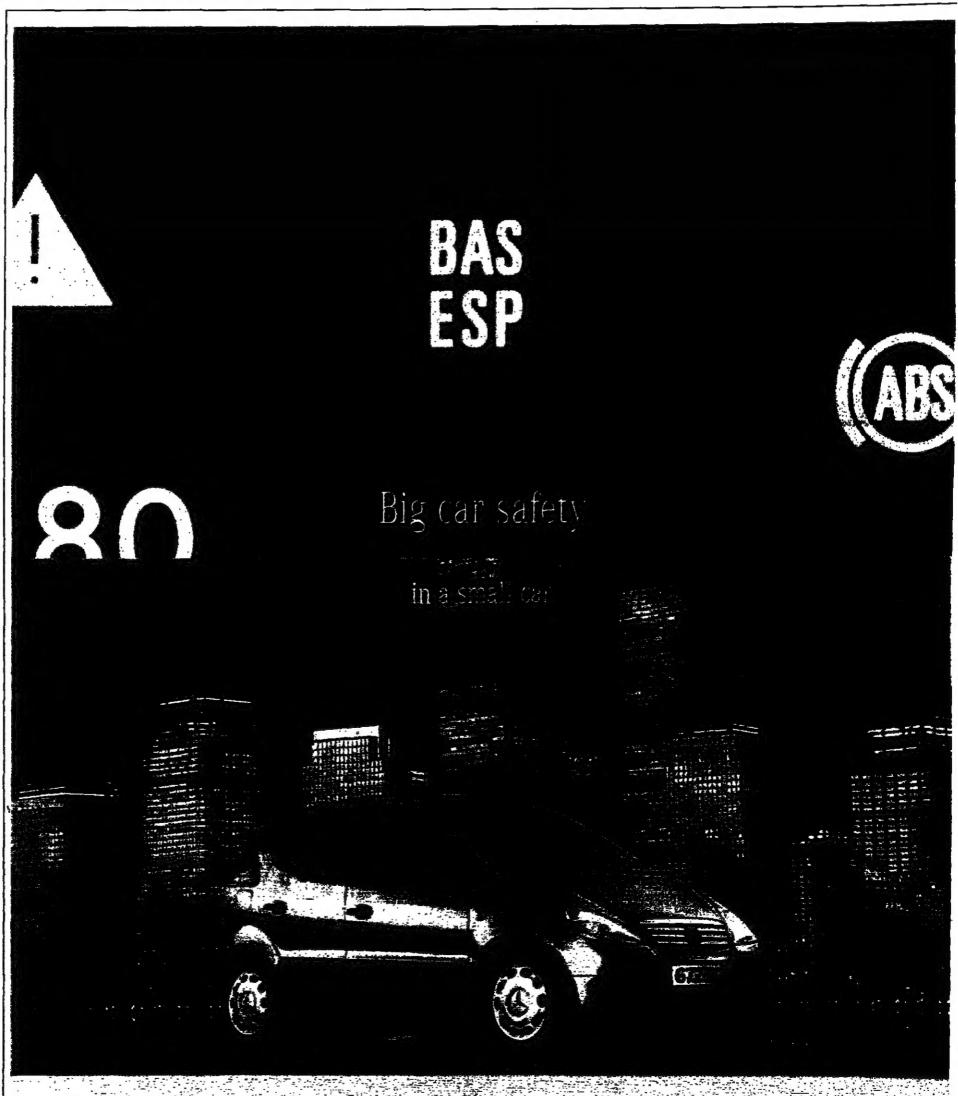
an opponent to the mat is given a two-point edge for that round, with ten points going to the winner and eight to the man taken

The scorecards are filled out at the end of each round and handed to the referee at the end of the fight.

This round-by-round tally is the most common source of disagreement hetween official scorers and fight fans, because a fighter who batters his enemy for a full round but does not put him on the floor is awarded the same point gain as a fighter who does very little damage but makes slightly more fist-to-body contact

within a mund. But by all standard measures. Holyfield was massively outgunned Saturday night in New York. A computer count of the punches landed showed Lewis more than doubled the Ameri-

can's blows. While such electronic checks are notoriously inaccurate, such a wide margin only enforced the opinion of nearly all observers that Lewis won decisively. de-



The A-class from £183 per month (11.9% APR)

Convention has it that small cars can't be as safe as big cars.

But the A-class challenges that convention. That's because it's

built to the same exacting standards as every other Mercedes. You may reasonably expect ABS to come as standard, for example.

can reduce stepping distances by a further 45%.

But Brake Assist? It's a amous technology that, in an emergency,

And no car, of any size, offers you an active safety system more advanced than our Riectronic Stability Programme (839).

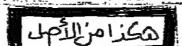
We were plonders in the use of already. So it's no surprise that there are lour of them in the A-class. What is surprising though,

is that it can be yours for as little as £183 per mouth (11.92 APR).

Making it not just a safe car, but a sound investment-

Mercedes Benz

0500 20 21 20



Prince's homage to fallen **Paras**

ON A low hilltop above Goose Green, the constant wind ruffles the bright silk petals on the wreathes of artificial flowers that have lain here since last May. They are a startling spot of colour in a landscape of dull peaty brown and pale un-

demourished grass.

Below the flowers, the red and green iron roofs of the hamlet wink in the sporadic sunshine. Above them, a memorial topped by a simple iron cross lists the names of 20 members of The Parachute Regiment, headed by Lieutenant-Colonel H Jones. VC, who fell in one of the bloodiest hand-to-hand battles of the Falklands conflict.

Every year on May 28, the anniversary of the end of their month's incarceration in the increasing squalor of their own community centre at the hands of occupying Argen-tines, the 30 villagers gather at the memorial to honour their liberators. Yesterday they assembled again to see the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Paras, lay his own wreath in honour of the regiment, which only last year finally added the names of Goose Green, Wireless Ridge and Mount Longdon to its bat-

tle honours.

The Prince arrived by heli-copter, regimental tie beneath his dull green parka. The wind tugged at his hair as he walked with Richard Ralph, Governor of the Falklands, to the little plot surrounded by a picket fence. As he laid his wreath he stood motionless for a minute, clenching his fists by his side and looking moved by

There should have been a

South Atlantic weather had left him behind at Fitzroy on the other side of East Falk-

A small detachment of Paras in their red berets, most of them now serving in the Falklands garrison, stood to attention by the memorial. They were led by Major Geof-frey Weighell, 42, who as a young lieutenant had com-manded an attacking platoon round the western edge of the

This is the first time I have been back in 17 years, and my feelings are very mixed; I have been trying to remember who was where while the lighting was going on." Major Weighell said. This is a beautiful spot today, but it was very different then. There was a lot of lead flying around; one of my soldiers was killed and several were wounded.

"It was my first battle. It was a daunting time, but the plan was a good one. It was still frightening, bloody and occasionally nauseating. knew nothing for some time about the

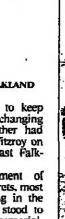
death of Colonel Jones; we were all too busy with our own lit-tle battles." Falklands weather dispirited the invader

Prince too yesterday, temporarily grounding the hel-icopter that should have taken him on a tour of memorials and forcing him to cancel a planned visit and another British War Cemetery at San

Goose Green isthmus.

a neat plot surrounded by a low wall reminiscent of a well-

and delayed his defeat. It attacked the



ing Colonel Jones, lie buried in-

This is a beautiful spot today, but there was a lot of lead flying around then?

In 1982 troops had to walk,

except when they attacked en-trenched Argentine machine-

gun positions on motorcycles.

Outnumbered by more than two to one, low on ammunition, lacking adequate fire sup-port, fighting over open ground in daylight against prepared positions, the Paras still won the day. The Argentininear the hamlet, a simple stone marks the spot where Colonel Jones died storming a which brought him a posthu-

Life at Goose Green has superficially changed since the war. Villagers surf the Internet and watch BBC World and CNN on their televisions. But some things remain constant; the Prince watched a sheepdog demonstra-tion, and looked in-

side what is said to be

sheering shed in the world. With 75,000 sheep and a world wool price at rock bottom, the community is not prosperous, unlike Stanley's new barons of licensed fishing who can be seen ride in brand-new Rangeing villagers over lunch in the corrugated-iron community centre, still used as a social club, a clearly relaxed Prince sympathised with their struggle against falling wool prices but consoled them with the news that farming in Britain was going through an equally

But he had a clear admira-tion for the islands he was visit-ing for the first time. "I think you have something quite re-markable here. You have a very precious environment, and so many of you realise just what a special part of the world this is."

The Prince, the most senior member of the Royal Family

to visit the Falklands, was always assured of a warm welcome, but he has been doubly well received as a result of his

determination in a speech in Buenos Aires last Tuesday. Hundreds of people cheered him as he arrived in Stanley on Saturday evening to lay his first wreath, at the war memorial in the town's main street,

ty of those who liberated us". At a noisy reception with 400 islanders in Stanley Town Hall he was left in no doubt over how his speech had been received by ans describe disparag

said. "I fold him we were so proud and happy about his

The Prince laughed and admitted he appears to have upset a few people.
"We were well pleased with

what he said. I have never heard applause like that for his arrival, even when Mrs Thatcher came," Mrs Vidal

with its inscription: "In memo-• We were well pleased with what he said. I have never

heard applause like that?

Bileen Vidal, 74, who won the said Lewis Clifton, a member British. Empire Medal for of the island's legislative counkeeping the local radio service cil, and regarded as a modergoing during the occupation. would have been disappointed if the Prince had not said what he did. There is talk of im-

ing ground until Argentina accepts the fundamental princi-

ple of our sovereignty." But what most worries islanders at present, is a threat by Chile to withdraw regular

Stanley and Punta Arenas, which not only gives the population an alternative es-RAF's Tristar flights to England, but brings them fresh fruits and vegetables. The bright flowers

of Goose Green recall a bold victory that is gradually slipping into a past era. Seventeen years on, and far more prosperous than at any time in their history, the kelpers still keep a wary eye on a future

ans lost 100 dead. In a gulley Rovers and Shoguns. Addressbugler, but last-minute pro-Carlos, where 15 men, includ-New Pentium'll power. Vith free Olymbus came THE MOST POWERFUL DIGITAL pentium•/// **CAMERA SYSTEM EVER!**

The camera

alone sells

elsewhere

£499!

We've just made our best-selling digital photography PC system

even better. Faster, more powerful, even better graphics - thanks to the brand-new, state-of-the-art Intel® Pentium® III Processor. And it comes complete with the award-winning picture quality of the stunning C840L Olympus camera, a colour printer and scanner. Plus a

truly wonderful software pack. See the difference for yourself at Tiny. Snap it up now! Over £560's wert

of Microsoft and £140.09 inc VAT

Home Studio™ Enthusiast System 450 PIII NOTHING TO PAY, NOT EVEN A DEPOSIT. UNTIL THE YEAR 2000

Latest Tiny Price

PRICES EXCLUDE DELIVERY

Extra Software FREE for limited time only

FOR MORE INFORMATION FREEPHONE:

0800 731 9372

think big about your PC...think TINY

92 SHOWROOMS

NATIONWIDE

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK*.

MOST OPEN 9AM TO 8PM MON-SAT

BEXLEYHEATH OPENING SOON

TINY COMPUTERS LIMITED, REDHILL BUSINESS PARK, BONEHURST ROAD, SALFORDS, REDHILL, SURREY RH1 5YB. FAX 01293 822 514. WWW.TITIY.COM NOTHING TO PAY UNTIL THE YEAR 2000 - NOT EVEN A DEPOSIT

- Not just any camera but the award winning top quality Olympus C840L.
- This system also includes the latest DVD technology. Tiny value wins again!

On All Systems

- When we say nothing to pay until the year 2000 we mean it - not even a deposit, unlike some. And this applies to all our systems, not just a chosen few.
- All Tiny PCs have only Intel[®] processors inside. This one has the very latest Intel-Pentium* III processor.

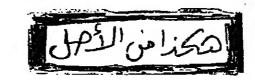
THE COMPUTER YOU CAN TALK TO!

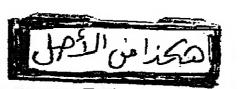
includes the amazing IBM Via Voice software that takes dictation and voice commands!

- Quality software that you will actually use - not dust gatherers.
- Free Microsoft[©] Windows* 98 Interactive Tutorial Software.
- Naturally all Tiny PCs are Year 2000 guaranteed millennium bug free.
- Every Tiny PC is compatible with Microsoft software and is PC98 certified.
- The option of Tiny's unique warranty with free insurance including accidental damage.

 Tiny PCs come with the recommendation "Tiny did particularly well.... with colour coded

connectors and cables and a superb manual which includes pictures of the PC" Computer Active January 1999







Vincent Li is now welcome to rest his weary bones at over 200 lounges worldwide, from five different airlines, no matter which of the airlines he's flying. How in the world does he do it?



American Airlines



Canadian Airlines



CATHAY PACIFIC





revolves around you. Now there's an alliance that gives you access to over 200 lounges around the world, whichever member airline you fly. www.oneworldalliance.com

For premium cabin and selected top-tier frequent fiver customers. All **one**worldTM benefits are only available to passengers on scheduled flights that are both operated and marketed by a **one**world member airline. (Marketed means there must be a **one**world member airline flight number on your ticket.) American Airlines, British Airways, Canadian Airlines, Cathay Pacific Airways and Oantas are all trademarks of their respective companies.

By Frances GIBB. LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE seven law lords who will decide the fate of General Augusto Pinochet are to announce the date of their ruling this week. It will come five months after the former Chilean dictator, who is now detained in a mansion in Weybridge, Surrey, was arrested after Spain requested his extradition to face charges over alleged human rights abuses.

Some of the law lords are believed to maintain that the general has immunity from prosecution, others that he does not and some that he has immunity in respect of some alleged crimes but not others.

One legal source said: "They will be divided but it is a question of how divided."

Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson, the senior law ford, is known to want as clear a ruling as possible after the previous ruling by the law lords that the general did not enjoy

immunity from prosecution was set aside because Lord Hoffmann, part of a 3-2 majority, failed to disclose his links with Amnesty International.

The new hearing, which began in January ran to 12 working days and included arguments not heard by the first panel of law lords. The complexity of the arguments and the fact that two of the law lords are chairing public inquiries have added to the delay. The ruling will come within a day or two either side of the general's next bail hearing next Monday.

The court battle has run up huge legal bills and security costs. Jack Straw. the Home Secretary, has given Surrey police £200,000 to help to pay for protecting the general. Spain has also offered to pay the protection bill, which is believed to be more than £35,000 a week. If the law lords decide

that he must stand trial, the security operation could last another year as avenues of appeal are explored.

More than 100 lawyers have been involved in the case. The general is paying his own legal fees and about £350,000 has been given to his firm of solicitors, Kingsley Napley, by Chile's Pinochet Foundation. Some of Chile's wealthiest businessmen have pledged their backing.

The Crown Service, which brought the appeal to the House of Lords after the High Court ruled that the general had immunity from prosecution, has used five barristers, including a QC, and the Treasury Solicitor has engaged two counsel. The general's own team

costs an estimated E12,000 for each day in court, and the cost of the new law lords hearing is believed to be £500,000.

General disorder gives the rich a beating

By CHRISTINE MIDDAP

IT IS a mild Saturday afternoon in Surrey as the rich and famous enjoy a few quiet hours in their mansions. Then the drumming begins. Hesitantly at first, a single

drum beats out a lonely rhythm. But soon the clatter of a wilder beating fills the heavily wooded pocket of the Wentworth Estate, echoing over the security gates and through the walls of the country retreats.

Then the chanting starts: "Now is the time to pay for your crime" and "There's only one decision, extradition". This is the scene every Saturday afternoon for the unfor-

tunate neighbours of General Augusto Pinochet. The only thing that changes, locals say, is the volume. "It goes from unbearable to barely tolerable," one neighbour said. Some just abandon their homes between 2pm and 5pm when the protesters, who vary

in number from about 25 to 50, set up on the busy London Road about 100 yards from the general's rented property. They cannot see the house from their protest point. A heavy police presence, and the estate's strict trespass laws,

prevent their getting closer.
"We know he hears us, the police tell us so," said Sergio Lagoh, a Chilean-born Londoner who spent three years in a concentration camp in Chile. The protesters are deter-The film-maker Bryan Forbes and his actress wife Nanette Newman live near the genermined to keep reminding the general of his "crimes" but al. "It's the drums, the drums," Mr Forbes has said. they are mindful of the distur-"It's a pain but there's nothing bance. When the family in the closest house, about 20 yards away, wanted to celebrate

The protesters pledged to stay as long as the general, and some estimates say that the extradition process could take years. His next

when there will be a flurry of activity as helicopters and scores of police escort him.

There are 600 houses on the 1,750-acre estate near Virginia Water, and prices reach about £5 million. Chile is paying for the general's accommodation. thought to be about £10,000 a month. An estate agent said the problems had been no impact on property prices. "Nothing affects prices in this area."

of seeking more Labour-voting

JPs. Instead, he wants to see a

broader social mix and to open



On the beaten track: Pinochet protesters on the Wentworth Estate's London Road, 100 yards from the general's home

their child's first birthday they

asked the protesters to quieten down. "So we were a little qui-

eter and then we sang Happy Birthday," Mr Lagoh said.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

action 2000

THINK YOU'RE READY

FOR THE MILLENNIUM BUG?

THERE'S A 75% CHANCE

YOU'RE WRONG.

75% of companies that think they're ready aren't. They've checked their PCs and IT systems, but they haven't checked all the other equipment containing embedded microchips.

They haven't checked their office systems, their machinery and their security systems. And they haven't checked that their customers and suppliers have done the same.

If a business you rely on isn't ready, you aren't ready. Action 2000 has been set up by the Government to help you. A recent survey has shown that those who have used our step-by-step guide are more advanced in their Millennium Bug preparations than those who haven't.

Call us now and find out how ready you really are.

Help from Action 2000 is free. Call 0845 601 2000.



Help from Action 2000 is free. For your free step-by-step guide send this coupon to Action 2000, P.O. Box 1999, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 9GS, fax us on 01923 474 514, call 0845 601 2000 or visit our website at www.bug2000.co.uk

Z51-509

Drive to make JPs blue collar, not blue rinse

AN ADVERTISING CAMpaign to recruit more working class people as magistrates and to rid the occupation of its blue-rinse image is launched

Although there are no fig-ures for the jobs of the 30,000 magistrates in England and Wales, few are be-

lieved to come from manual jobs, where it is has always been harder

to get time off for The month-long campaign by the Lord Chancellor's Department, costing £420,000, will use posters and press advertisedepicting

balanced in terms of gender, ethnic origin, where people

live, occupation and age." A second objective is to reduce the excessive workload in some areas but the Lord Chancellor. Lord Irvine of Lairg.

has abandoned an earlier aim

the magistracy to as many people as possible. He has already appointed the first six blind Anne Fuller, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said: "It is vital

that members of the general public realise that magis-

initiative to make al. From the autumn, new magis

man from the department, programme, run by the Judicial Studies Board, aims to istrates as amateurs. It has already begun in some areas. When magistrates first sit. their skills are appraised by ex-

perienced colleagues.

Details of how to apply to be a JP are available on 0845 606



What can the Open University do for you?

We'll provide you with a choice of 150 first class courses developed especially to enable you to study in your own time, backed by the Open University's own unique study method - OU supported open learning.

We'll give you the support of a personal tutor - a subject specialist in the course you're taking who's available for advice in person or on the phone. You'll get the chance to meet fellow students at tutorials and, on some programmes, the opportunity to get together at a residential school. Nationwide there are 13 Open University Regional Centres where you can get help and advice.

Whether you want to study to improve your career prospects or for your own personal interest, there's almost certainly a course for you. If you haven't studied for a while, we'll help you get started. No previous qualifications are required, you just need a lively intelligence and a willingness to learn. It's real value for money and you can pay

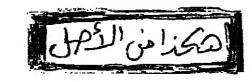
Open University course materials are of the highest quality and come in a variety of forms, including video and audio tapes as well as texts. The OU leads the world in its use of new technology for learning. A number of courses provide source material on CD Rom.

What else can the Open University offer you? The best way to find out is to use the coupon below or phone us today.

 The OU is in the top 15% of all UK universities for teaching quality 25% of all British MBA come from the OU Over 30,000 empl

Send for your free prospectus now.

Send to: The Open University, PO Box 625, Militon Keynes MK7 6AA. US9C Please send me a copy of the Courses, Diplomas and BAIBSc Please send me a copy of the postgraduate prospectus ☐ Tick here if you have contacted the OU in the past.



Art owners may sell to avoid admitting public

THOUSANDS of national treasures could be sold abroad because of new Treasury rules forcing owners to allow the public unfettered viewing

Many of those who receive tax breaks on inherited property which is of national importance claim there will be a rush to sell, after an instruction from the Inland Revenue that in future the public should be able to view the property - houses, land, works of art or furniture without an appointment.

The Chancellor insisted on greater rights of access as part of last year's Finance Act but its implications are only now beginning to emerge. The Inland Revenue intends to compile a brochure listing the treasures exempted from tax and to provide information on how the public can view the

The Chancellor's attempt to make access to treasures easier could backfire, reports Valerie Elliott

property. But many owners fear they could be put at risk from burglars.
The Inland Revenue has

written to hundreds of people covered by the "conditional exemption" of taxes scheme and asked them to detail their plans to show visitors their property without appoint ment. A letter from Mike Downs, an official in the capital taxes office in Nottingham, says that if owners fail to do so, the Inland Revenue will offer its own.

Two weeks ago a National Audit Office report said that some owners were deliberately making it hard for the public to see works covered by the

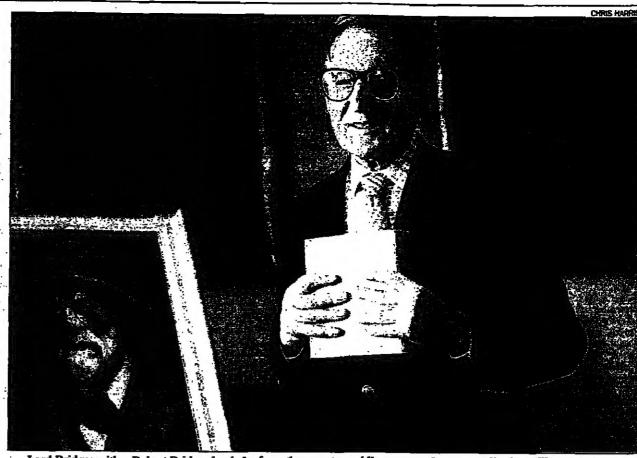
Lord Bridges, the grandson of the poet Robert Bridges, is incensed by the change. He owns, with his brothers and sisters, a collection of the poet's books valued at up to £50,000. He is worried about security and is against his name and address appearing in any public register. He said: "We have no difficulty over scholars wishing to study the text but we cannot just allow anyone in at any time and we must make checks." Access is usually granted within 36

Lord Bridges, a crossbench-

er, is to raise the matter in the Lords and said that if the Gov-ernment pressed ahead be would try to raise the cash to

The Earl of Leicester, president of the Historic Houses Association and owner of the 25,000-acre Holkham Hall estate in Norfolk, would also be affected by the plan. His mansion is open to the public for 90 days a year. But he has his private wing, including Ca-naletto's The Bridge over the Rialto. He said it would be difficult to move these items and he was resigned to "devising a system where the public walk through our private rooms".

He added: "For many people it will be impossible to comply with these rules and they would rather pay the tax and sell the items. Many will eventually flood the sales rooms."



Lord Bridges with a Robert Bridges book; he fears that greater public access to the poet's collection will tempt thieves



nake

ollar.



Sections of the anti-war painting being restored at Leicester Museum

'Jigsaw puzzle' reveals horrors of war

AN ANTI-WAR oil painting cut into pieces and smuggled out of Nazi Germany is being painstakingly reassembled.
The New Walk Museum in

Leicester has taken the unusual step of bringing the painting out of conservation for a week of public display in an attempt to flush out the missing pieces. The giant triptych painting entitled Thou Shalt not Kill and

originally measuring 8ft x 24 ft, questioned the slaughter of the First World War and raised concerus about Adolf Hitler's increasingly belligerent attitude to Germany's neighbours.
The Munich artist Johannes

Matthaeus Koelz spent seven years on his masterpiece. Fear-ing that it would be lost for ever, he asked a friend to cut the paint-ing into scores of pieces as he fled Germany in 1937, to avoid arrest for pacifist propaganda. The pieces were handed to

trusted friends and relatives for safe keeping. After years of searching, mostly by Koelz's



Johannes Koelz's triptych was cut into pieces so it could be smuggled out of Nazi Germany

daughter Ava Farrington, some of the pieces have re-emerged. A large percentage of the missing painting is believed to be still in Germany, although sever-

al pieces have turned up in Britain and the United States. Museum officials say some pieces may be in Australia.

Koelz made a daring escape

from Munich, fleeing with his family across mountainous border country into Austria and then Prague, on a journey which brought him to England

The German art specialist at the Tate Gallery, London, Sean Rainbird, said: "The attempted reconstruction of this dismem-

project. It casts light upon a period of great political upheaval in Germany, which affected the lives and livelihoods of many artists. Great anti-war statements such as Otto Dix's The Trench 1923, now lost, are well known. Koelz's previously unknown triptych, painted a dec-

ade later, was conceived during a period of fanatical nationalism and increasing intolerance."

Adrienne Avery-Gray, the New Walk Museum's Keeper of Fine Art, said: "Inquiries from the public have been phenomenal. This has caught everyone's imagination and people naturally want to see the painting for

This is quite an unusual step for us to take, putting a painting on display before conservation work has been completed. But we thought we owed it to the public to show it now in its original condition rather than wait for the work to be done."

The Institute of Art and Law, based at Leicester, has helped by including details on its website. The painting will be shown from March 30 to April 6.



www.pipemedia.set/inl/is The institute of Art and Law



Tory activists demand secret votes on MPs

WILLIAM HAGUE is heading for a rift with local Tory chiefs after they overwhelming the state of ingly backed radical plans to force MPs to seek reselection

Constituency chairmen yes-terday voted in favour of forc-ing all sitting MPs to face a bal-lot of local members.

MPs gave a warning that the changes would provoke the sort of internal feuding that plagued Labour's local parties in the early 1980s. when compulsory reselection was imposed by the hard Left. Supporters of the changes say that the new rule would

help local parties to get rid of unpopular and sleaze-tainted MPs. They believe that it is a natural extension of other changes that Mr Hague has introduced to make the party more democratic.

But MPs fear that the

change will allow vocal minoriries unfairly to oust sitting members. Such a change, they say, would make it easier for Eurosceptic activists to mount challenges against pro-Europe-

Party leaders fear feuding if reselection by ballot goes ahead, reports

lan Taylor and David Curry. Most Tory MPs are reselected by a show of hands. Ballots are rare, and held only if requested by the chairman or a third of the executive

James Landale

The amendment to the parmoved by Lady Bethell, a Tory Euro candidate and chairman of the Buckinghamshire Conchairmen and other senior party figures on the National Convention in Reading yesterday backed the move by 141 votes to 90, and it will be considered by the full constitutional college of the party - comprising constituency chairmen. MPs

and MEPs - this summer. One supporter of the amendment said: "The party's grassroots made its views very clear today. The leadership have to accept this. It would not play very well if they ignore the

wishes of the voluntary party."
Another said: "MPs with good records have absolutely nothing to fear ... but MPs should not take advantage of the good nature of volunteers who devote years of work to supporting them."
One senior Tory MP said:
"MPs are scared witless. They

local parties get the sort of con-trol which Labour parties have. They are trying to get back at us because many Mr Hague's spokesman said that the Tory leader did not have a formal view on the

thetic to the view of MPs. The 800-strong constitutional convention is dominated by constituency chiefs, who could

understood to be more sympa-



A performer with the Streets Ahead festival, which has been denied lottery funding

Arts festival threatens to sue lottery

THE Millennium Commission is facing a legal challenge over its refusal to give a £300,000 National Lottery grant to a Manchester arts

festival.

Organisers of the city's Streets Ahead festival are threatening to take the commission to judicial review after it turned down their bid for funding under the floo million Millennium Festival between details of which tival sheme, details of which were announced last month.

Solicitors' letters have been sent to the commission contesting its decision, and the Asso-ciation of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA), which made the bid, is considering whether to issue a writ. There is no appeals procedure, short of the courts, for applicants refused funding. Any challenge is likely to

have serious implications for the 26 projects in the North West that were awarded a total of almost £2 million. AGMA would have to prove that the process for making the grants broke rules, which could mean a review of all the awards in the region and a

substantial delay.

The festival, which has been running annually since 1994, had hoped for a grant to

ganza next year, including a concert in which a violin ensemble would be winched high above Manchester by crane to play. Carniyals, parades. open-air concerts and street theatre were planned across the old metropolitan county.

The event has the support of all ten councils in the region and local MPs, including Ger-ald Kaufman, who also chairs the Commons Culture Select Committee which oversees the millennium celebrations.

Two other local projects were awarded funding totalling £500,000, but the failure of Streets Ahead means that large towns such as Bolton, Bury and Stockport will be without an official millenni-

um celebration. John Battie, leader of Old ham council and chairman of AGMA, said the failure of the chester. We have been working for the last five years to put this on, but when we ask for the funding we don't get it," he said. "We feel as if we have just been strung along." A Millennium Commission

spokesman said: "There is no doubt that Streets Ahead was a great bid which met all our criteria, but we simply could

Two years on, the bell begins to toll for an accidental MP



Martin Bell: "I don't think Labour ever felt I was a danger to them

IT IS almost two years since Martin Bell agreed to stand as the anti-sleaze election candidate for Tatton. Now the battle is under way to choose the candidates who will compete for the

seat at the next election. This Thursday the Conserva-tives in the Cheshire constituency will be choosing their prospective candidate. Mr Bell's son-in-law, Peter Bracken, a former Army major, has announced that he wants to stand for Labour.

Mr Bell admits that he will be sorry to finish his short and unexpected career as a politician, and bitterly regrets telling the voters of Tatton that he would be their MP for one parliament only. "If I even hinted at the possibiliMark Inglefield meets the maverick member for Tatton

You're just another lying politician," he said. "I regret having made it because I think there is a need for an independent MP and I am not ashamed to say I enjoy

representing Tatton."

Mr Bell has clearly taken to his new job and the area. We met in his local pub. The George in Great Budworth, where he seemed at one with the locals. Behind the bar there was an advert

for a book on local beers with an introduction by ... Martin Bell. Tation appears equally happy to have him as its MP. He is a good talking point, and to have re-elected the sleaze-mired Neil Hamilton would have looked bad. However, the former BBC le would turn around and say.

he has made much of an impact

at the House of Commons. "I've gone from one job that's held low in public esteem, journalism, to another which is held even lower, politics, and in both you never really know if you're doing a good job or not." he said.

Mr Bell does not conceal his loathing of sycophantic Labour backbenchers. "I groan inwardly every time I hear the phrase, 'May I congratulate my right honorable friend'. One Cabinet minister told me that he cringed at some of the questions he was asked by his own side."

In the course of ministering to his constituents, Mr Bell has

come across his old adversaries, Neil and Christine Hamilton. "I talked to him two weeks ago about his action in the Court of Appeal," he says. "What he has now is the equivalent of a criminal record, in terms of his future employability that is disastrous. I believe he has every right to tack-le these matters in the courts and as his MP I am there to help."

Mr Bell has been careful not to come across as "Mr Soundbite on all issues of public probity", despite many requests to do so. The revelation that he had overspent on his election expenses made him realise how careful an MP

He says that the Tories would

be unwise to think that Tatton is theirs for the taking, despite the fact that they held the seat with a 20,000 majority before he came along. They have to go for someone with an impeccable record because they are going to be gone through, in a way that I was gone through, by Fleet Street."

Now 60, he is undecided about what to do when he leaves West-minster. He may make television programmes and intends writing books. The first, The Accidental MP, will be published before he stands down as an MP. Is it going to lift the lid on new Labour?

"No one has anything to fear," he said. "I don't think Labour ever felt I was a danger to them. I am an anomaly at Westminster as I was an anomaly at the BBC. I've always quite liked that."

Finel your ideal partner on the Internet. www.business/barclays.co.uk

Start up a new business with Barclays and you'll get free internet banking for one year. It's just one part of a tailor-made package designed to make business banking as convenient as possible. So visit our web site, call 0800 400 170 for a free information pack, or ask at your local branch.

BARCLAYS

YOUR IDEAL BUSINESS PARTNER

Celebrate St Patrick's Day with Swiftcall & £5 worth of free international calls



COST PER MINUTE	BT 2	SHIFTCAL	SAVING	COST PER MINUTE	BI.	SWIFTCALL
USA	16p	9p	44%	GERMANY	18p	14p
JAPAN	42p	16p.	6196	FRANCE	18p	14p
INDIA	76p	50p	34%	IRELAND	14p	10p
AUSTRALIA	24p	16p	35%	TAIWAN .	73p	42p
SOUTH AFRICA	52p	36p	30%	CANADA	16p	12p

Open an account with Swiftcall for as little as £25 or top-up your existing account with £25



before midnight of the 17 March 1999 and you will receive £5 worth of free international calls.

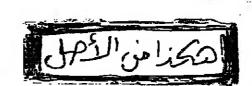
TO OPEN YOUR SWIFTCALL ACCOUNT:

CALL FREE 08007690022

SWIFTCALL

SWIFTCALL is part of KDD, Japan's leading international telecommunications company

LOW COST INTERNATIONAL CALLS



Afghar agree t end 20

years o

People tru Philips ne hearing a

Afghans agree to end 20 years of civil war

THE two warting sides in Afghanistan reached an agreement yesterday that could bring the first signs of peace to a country suffering from civil war for two decades.

Although the breakthrough, after three days of secret talks between the ruling Taleban authorities and those representing the opposition in the north of the country, was being regarded in the West with some caution, there was genuine hope that a negotiated settlement might be on the cards.

Afghanistan has been synonymous with conflict for centuries, but ever since the invasion of the country by Soviet forces in December 1979, Afghans have had to live in an unrelenting war environment

Yesterday, backed by the United Nations, the two sides agreed to share power, to guarantee a truce and, eventually, a durable peace. Although negotiations in the past came to nothing, the latest round dealt with many of the issues that have divided the country over the last decade, since the Soviet occupying forces withdrew.

The agreement was reached in Ashkhabad, the capital of Turkmenistan, after intensive negotiations between the two delegations, headed by Wakil Ahmad Muttawakil of the Taleban Islamic militia, and Mohamed Yunuous Oanooni. of the Afghan opposition. They agreed to share power in the three arms of government— the legislative, judiciary and the executive. The next round of talks will be held in about two weeks in Afghanistan, a sign of growing confidence between the two sides who have been sworn enemies.

Sartaj Aziz, the Pakistani Foreign Minister, described the agreement as a "very good development". The Foreign Office welcomed the "genuine

LINKS

/ - Afghanistan Online, ecuptries/sigham.html — Conflict and ethnicity in Afgranistan. http://www.edcl.gov/cla/publics-tions/factbook/ef.html — CA's proprogress" that had been achieved. Iran, which has supported the anti-Taleban forces, also welcomed the announcement. As part of the deal, both sides will each release 20 prisoners of war as soon as possi-ble, through the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Mr Qanouni said: "I am optimistic and hopeful that at the next round of talks we will be able to announce a permanent ceasefire." Mr Mutawakil declared: "When we agree on the details and personnel of the Government, then we can

agree to have a ceasefire." Although the key issue of how to share office in government has yet to be resolved, there appeared to be sufficient confidence that a new administration would emerge, representing all the ethnic groups.

Andrew Tesoriere, the acting head of the UN's special mission to Afghanistan, said: These talks mark a watershed because they address not only confidence-building measures but also fundamental issues regarding the future of

Despite the fresh hopes that years of bloodshed may be coming to an end, fighting was continuing in the north, and the Taleban delegation admitted there had been some prepa-rations for further military offensives. Taleban, which had seized control of 80 per cent of the country, had been thwarted in its attempts to rule the whole of Afghanistan because of persistent opposition in the north from the alliance of anti-Taleban forces led by Ahmed Shah Masood.

As a sign of the improving political environment, the UN returned to the country for the first time for seven months. Michael Sackett, director of the World Food Programme, arrived in Kabul yesterday and discussed the security arrangements for the return of international staff this week.

About 40 UN personnel left in August after one of its officials was killed during American cruise missile strikes against camps allegedly linked to Osama bin Laden, accused by Washington of being a master terrorist.



A woman shields her son's eyes from dense smoke as she flees a fire that engulfed a shanty town in Delhi yes-terday. At least 27 people were killed and thousands made homeless. Police said five children and four womSlum blaze kills 27 in Delhi

en were among the bodies brought shelter. The slum dwellers, mostly out from a smouldering mosque illegal immigrants from Bangla-where a number of residents took desh, protested at what they said was

a delay in the arrival of fire trucks and buried stones at some of the webl-cies, damaging at least three. Augry residents also clashed with riot police beloing rescuers and were beaten back with rifle-butts. (AFP)

Harare suspects complain of torture

FROM MICHAEL HARTNACK IN HARARE

THREE Americans who daim they are Congo missionaries wrongly suspected of being mercenaries, yesterday sought access to doctors to confirm complaints they were tor-tured during seven days in Zimbabwean security police

The accused persons currently have wounds which are visible but as each day goes by the healing process eliminates the evidence," said Jeremy Cal-low, lawyer for John Dixon. Gary Blanchard and Joseph Petryjohn, all of Indianapolis. They were detained trying to board a Swissair flight last week when metal detectors revealed a handgun in their

luggage. Prosecutors, who allege the trio were on a terrorist mission, said a search of a parked lorry uncovered 20 shotguns. assault rifles, a light machinegun, handguns and a diagram of State House which is opposite President Mugabe's principal residence.

Deal ends 31st March. (Done muss a trick) 2200 Turbo from £10495 20 fire turbo diesel engine Electric front windows. power assisted steering Security coded radio/cassette alarm & Immoboliser Driver's airbag One year's free Insurancet Two years 0% APR 2168 16V from £12495 Saving £1000 16 16v engine Electric front windows Power assisted steering Alam & Immorbia. Driver's airbag Remote central door locking Electric SUNTOOF Spoiler One year's free insurancet Two years 0% Appe 214St 16v from £11495 Saving £1050 14 16v engine Electric front windows Power assisted steering Security coded radio/cassette Alam & Immobiliser Driver's airbag Remote central door locking Electric sunroof One years free insurance Two years 0% APP

TERRES PRESURANCE SUBJECT TO INSURERS TERMS AND CONDITIONS, OFFER AMAIABLE UNTIL 31,3.99, "OW APR IS NOT AMAIABLE ON ROVER 200 BRM OR ON THE ECOP SCHEME AND CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF BUSINESS USERS MAY BE EXCLUDED, FINANCE THIS REQUIREMEND SOURCE FOR LESS CREY, ROVER FURCHASE TYPICAL EXAMPLE ROVER 2200 TURBO 3DR, OTR PRICE £10,495 SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY, DEPOSIT £5,283,00, AMOUNT OF CREDIT £5,283,00, TOTAL CHARGE FOR CREDIT £0,00, SUBJECT TO SHOULD AND IS ANALOGUE TO CHARGE FOR CHEER SHOWN ONLY AVAILABLE ON HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS OF 24 MONTH TERM WITH 50% MINIMUM DEPOSIT AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHARGE WITHOUT NOTICE GUAR. 24 MONTHLY PRYMENTS OF EXECUTE TODAL AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE, GLAR-ANTEES AND INDEMNITIES MAY BE REQUIRED. WRITTEN QUOINTIONS ANALABLE ON REQUEST, FINANCE IS PROVIDED BY ROVER FINANCIAL, SERVICES (GB) LIMITED, 80X 39, INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, BICKENHILL LANE, BIRMINGHAM 837 THQ. OFFER ENDS \$1,3,99.

People trust Philips new hearing aid

TRUSTED electrical giant their old hearing aid with Philips is dramatically imp-the M11, as new techniques revolutionise the industry. with hearing problems and Its audio-quality is so sophtheir friends and families. isticated that you may chat Since its launch last year, with others and hear the TV the Philips M11 hearing aid perfectly at the same time. has become one of the most The lightweight Philips M11 is also marvellous in

sought after hearing aids in the U.K. lts innovative remote control feature is proving so versatile that it has brought new meaning to people's lives in their quest to hear

clearly again.

The remarkable Philips M11 has four 'comfort zones' which react to the remote sound. control to change your hearing instantly, indoors or out.

And the the Philips M11 is so tiny no one will notice it! doors to suit the environment. So apply immediately for And the M11 gives you an full details of the Philips unprecedented purity of the introductory offer. sound, by using the timest of the introductory ofter. finserts, invisible to all but You'll be glad you did! he closest inspection.

Along with first-time clients, many new customers are 0800 731 4285 people who are replacing Please quote Ref: PTSS 4013

Ring Freephone

Clarity of sound

theatres, cinemas and meet-

ings and you will notice an

improvement when you are

The 'Automatic Selectivity

Circuit' reduces loud noises

and gives you clarity of

in crowds or out shopping.

TEST THE PHILIPS MII - NO RISK Apply now and we'll post you FREE full details of the MII.

Tick if pensioner. Mr/Mrs/Miss

Digital Hearing Ltd

London, WIE 5DP

Freepost 34 LON8670.

Tel No Postcode, Phone or send coupon today (No stamp required) to:

or call FREEPHONE 0800 731 4285
Personal callers must welcome at our London
agents at 71 Duke St, Marfair London WIM
(off Oxford St Opp Selfridges) Ref: PTSSH013do not wort med from other componies.

Bloody start for Kosovo talks

Market bombs and Serb artillery set tone for peace negotiations, Anthony Loyd writes from Mitrovica

AS IF in a final fling before peace talks reopen today, Kosovo suffered its worst weekend of violence since the talks began as three bomb attacks left seven dead and 58 wounded and Serb artillery laid waste to ethnic Albanian villages.

One bomb exploded in a crowded marketplace in Mitrovica, another two in Podujevo. as Hashim Thaci, head of the Kosovo Liberation Army's political directorate and prime minister-designate of the provisional government, led a fiveman KLA delegation to the Paris talks.

All three bombs targeted civilians. In Mitrovica four people, including two women and a child, were killed as the market was transformed into a tangled mess of shredded limbs and pulped fruit. The 30 wounded there included an eight-year-old girl who lost both legs. An hour earlier the first bomb was detonated in Podujevo, followed 15 minutes later by a second, Twentyeight people were injured and two died. A third, an ethnic Albanian man, was shot dead at the scene in the immediate aftermath in circumstances that still remain unclear. The victims in the two towns include Serbs and ethnic Albanians. No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks and both sides were quick to

blame the other. Just west of Mitrovica, villages burned across a sevenmile front. Serb tanks, mortars and heavy artillery had pounded suspected KLA positions here throughout the morning and afternoon in the heaviest day of the past three days' fighting in the area. On



Thursday, as the Serb offen sive began there, the KLA had seemed in confident mood.

"We know exactly what the Serbs are trying to do," said Naim Bardiqi, a KLA officer with the Fehmi Lladrovci Brigade, They are attempting to drive a wedge between two of our operational zones, but we are much better equipped than we were last year to deal with them." However, by yesterday the atmosphere had changed.

Beating for British

THE owner of a bar in Skopje, capital of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Mace-donia, said yesterday that five of his waiters had beaten up 22 British soldiers (Michael Evans writes).Sasa Kainovski said the British started the fight last week. There were only five of us, but we beat the living hell out of them," he said in Belgrade. Ministry of Defence sources said locals also joined the fighting, some

vista of lost villages and advancing Serb tanks, the KLA was tense and nervous. Unable to respond to or withstand such an onslaught, they had been pushed farther back into the Cicavica mountains.

The KLA's fortunes have seldom seemed at a lower ebb. Though better armed than previously, they have again been unable to hold off a concerted Serb push. Worse still, over the past week they have angered the Americans and Europeans by their refusal to sign up to the proposed peace plan, thus taking the pressure off Slobodan Milosevic, the perennially intransigent Yugo-

slav President. The year-old guerrilla army can justifiably claim that it has forced Kosovo's plight on to the world stage but its ability, militarily or politically, to exploit this has been flawed. With their luck running out and their popularity waning within Kosovo, the KLA dele-gation Thacimust play a cool hand in the Paris talks if they

are to regain the initiative.

Talks warning: Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary. has said that the resumed peace talks due to begin in Paris today must produce a quick result (Michael Evans writes). Mr Cook, who will be flying

to Paris today to act as co-chairman with Hubert Védrine, his French counterpart, at the start of the talks, said the neg-otiations could be wound up within a week if there was no agreement. We don't see any reason

why this conference need be prolonged," he told GMTV's Sunday programme.



Marchers release doves in Belgrade yesterday to mark the renewed peace talks

Fears of Kremlin purge leave Primakov exposed

FROM ANNA BLUNDY IN MOSCOW

A FLOOD of Kremlin leaks suggest that President Yeltsin, angered at being overshadowed by Yevgeni Primakov, his Prime Minister, may be considering another political upheav-al that Russia can ill-afford.

Rossian newspapers all agreed at the weekend that a government shake-up was in the offing. "Primakov has Ten Days to become a Reformer" was Segodnya's front-page headline, referring to Mr Primakov's imminent trip

to Washington. His survival was said to depend on returning with longawaited International Monetary Fund grants. Desperate to prove that he is still a force to be reckoned with. Mr Yeltsin has undermined his Prime Minister by threatening to intervene personally if no deal is struck.

In another blow to Mr Primakov, a spokesman for Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen President, has accused him of not being "interested in the settle-ment of the Chechen problem". Mr Maskhadov has said he wants to deal personally with Mr Yeltsin.

meetings with Yegor Stroyev, the head of the Federation Council, Russia's upper house of parliament, and Grigori Yavlinsky, the leader of the Yabloko party can only be interpreted as a warning to Mr Primakov. Both men were considered for the post before Mr Primakov was proposed last September. The most popular candidate for dismissal by Mr Yeltsin remains Yuri Maslyukov, a First Deputy Prime Min-

Nevertheless, most observers doubt that the Prime Minister will be removed. Mr Yeltsin's recent bedside kov as chief negotiator with the IMF. Russia's chances of receiving the much-needed loan could only be improved

The removal of Mr Mastyukov would sour Mr Primakov's ties with the Communists, serving Mr Yeltsin's purpose of getting the communists out of Government. The President is eager that his legacy should be one of rid-ding Russia of communism.

The trouble with glasnost, page 20

Threat to 'out' French deputy

Paris. Tension will be high in the French parliament this week after Act Up Paris, a militant homosexual group, threatened to "out" a gay MP, the first action of its kind in French public life (Adam Sage writes)

Gay campaigners have seized upon the changing climate to follow their counterparts in Britain and America and press their demands, such as the right to adopt children. The young politician incurred the wrath of the group when he took part in a Catholic pro-family demonstration last month. More than 100,000 people marched through Paris to protest against government proposals to introduce legally binding contracts for unmarried couples, including homosexuals.

Mercy for Gulf killer

Abu Dhabi: A Filipino murderer, John Aquino, has been spared the death penalty after a mercy plea from the family of his Indian victim. Harbajan Singh Malhi, who live in Birmingham. The United Arab Emirates' supreme court has commuted Aquino's death sentence to a jail term of 15 years. The Philippines Ambassador said the family had approved the elemency without seeking compensation, but newspapers the elemency without seeking compensation, but newspapers reported that £20,000 in blood money was to be paid. (AFP)

£4m Picasso vanishes

Paris: Picasso's Fr42 million (£4.2 million) Le Buste de Femme, right, has disappeared from a luxury vachi moored off the French Riviera (Adam Sage writes). Police said there was no sign of a break-in on the Coral Island, and there has been no trace of the masterpiece. The painting, which detectives believe may have been taken to Italy, was due to have gone on temporary display in New York.



Mahathir poll victory

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia's ruling National Front coalition has won 31 of 48 seats in Sabah state assembly elections. The margin of victory stirred talk that Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, might call snap general elec-tions, not due until April 2000. Dr Mahathir said the result had confounded critics who claimed that his Government no longer enjoyed popular support. (Reuters)

'Amnesty' for gunman

Rome Mehmet Ali Agea, the Turkish gunman who was ailed for life nearly 18 years ago for attempting to kill the Pope, could be freed as a "gesture of clemency" for the millen-nium, according to Vatican officials (Richard Owen writes). The Pope, who has already publicly forgiven his attacker, has written to President Scalfaro making clear that he has no

Briton's killer caught

Albuquerque: Roger Dale Yeadon, who escaped from a New Mexico jail where he was serving a sentence for the 1996 killing during a carjacking of David Graham Nichols, a British major, has been recaptured in another state. Yeadon, 26, reached his home state of Alabama, 1,000 miles east of New Mexico, after his fifth escape from prison. (AP)-

Primakov: survival rests

on winning IMF money

:LGIM as at 51 December 1994 Source: LGIM

(04 03 90). The minning

at 5 Mandy 1999, Park

in the performance. Bride

expect and income values

may an down as well as a

and you that you get back

the amount interest All

companies on of one apply

Les fores Tax assumption

tapheatile and are subject

depend on two meta-along

consensance: Full winter

"Picest Legal & General

Corner Limited Registers

in England No. 270290

Proviewd Other Temple

Seed London FCoN off. reparentative only of

of which are negatited by

advising ou and selling

A magnifier of AUTHE.

The Constanted have

mounted that committee rap right be made to PEPs

artid Spril 1984, Form that

average relate the individual

dire a new tax produced

5-7-0-2500-0-100g/A

he Legal & General marketery group, membe

the Personal Inves

life assurance and

to stand on charge. The

railor of tax relief will.

details are available on

are there controlls

performance to not reconants a guide to

Trust was 6.1%

yield of the Fixed Interes

The low cost high income PEP

Legal & General have led the way

The Corporate Bond PEP

NOW

to make the most of your final year's PEP allowance

INVEST

in providing low cost, high performance PEPs to our customers.	Legal & General Corporate Bond PEP 0.5%	•
Over the years, our determination	Barciare Managed Income PEP 0.75%	6
to provide outstanding value for money has meant that today	Save & Prospet 1.0%	6
Legal & General has in excess of £79 billion [†] under management	Virgin income PEP 0.7%	6
worldwide.	NO initial charges on lumb sum innestm	LC1

A glance at the table shows that we deliver great value, providing the lowest cost diversified Corporate Bond PEP on the market with annual

management charges of only 0.5%. with no initial charges on lump sum investments or withdrawal fees

So, for a regular, tax-free income on your savings find out more about Britain's best value Income PEP today.

Just complete and return the coupon.

YELD 6.1% 6.1% 6.1% 6.0% NO withdrawal fee 0.5% annual management charge Visit our web site at www.LandG.com

Find out more now-	
call freephone	
050011	66 22

am to 8pm weekdays. am to 5pm weekends

Please quote ref: D7DL12

Yes ; would like mu ormation about the Legal & Gener the Bond PEP Port to REZPOST VWCOVO? Cardiff (F1 ty) rou aheady have any PEI mestment, please tick here [] We may telephone see to make squested has anneed afely. Now and then, we may refl a sprint affect broughts on seasing leted by the Legal & General Grout finteres to you if you would prefer ntomascum, please nck here 🚨

07DL12



 New technology, made and delivered to order, configured t

the specific needs of your business standard one year next business lay on-site warranty to 3 YEARS NEXT BUSINESS DAY ON-SITE WARRANTY FOR ONLY £49

 All for astonishingly low prices which, Magazine. Thas left the rest of the

· All our PCs are year 2000 compliant.

combined the remarkable new intel® Pentium® III Processor with state-of-the-art video, sound, DVD and Hard Drive technology to bring you tomorrow's PC today. If you deserve the best on your desk, talk direct to the manufacturer today.

pentium•

NEC Direction SM-500B3

● intel * Pentium * III Processor

500MHz

• 128Mb SDRAM

• 512KB Internal Carine ● 17GB EIDE Ultra DMA/33 Hard ■ 6X DVD-ROM Drive

● ATI Xpert Fury AGP Graphics Accelerator with 32MB SDRAM Video Memory ● 19° NEC Colour Monitor (0.26 dot

pitch; 18.0° viewable SoundBlaster Live 256 Sound Card

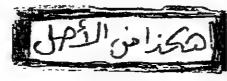
● Labtec LS2632 Speakers, Subwoofer, Headphones & Mic Diamond 56Kbps Modern

 Logitech Roller Mouse, Keyboard Microsoft[®] Windows 98, McAfee VirusScan, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Microsoft Word 97, MS Works 4.5, Corel Draw 7 + Clipart Library

(33,000 images), IBM ViaVoke 12 MONTHS NEXT BUSINESS

£1499 EX VAT

Ring NEC Direct on 0870 0106322



linisters return

Exile for 'Bonaparte' but his conqueror is captive of business

pute at the weekend whether Oskar Lafontaine, known as the Napoleon of the Saar because of his small stature and big ambi-tions, was now on Elba or Saint Helena.

For photographers, he posed with toddler son on his shoulders outside his Saarbrucken home to demonstrate that he was now withdrawing into private life.

But his anger at Gerhard Schröder is still great and his influence within the Social Democrat Party could yet make negative waves. On April 12. the Chancellor will stand for the chairmanship of

iller

iman

325



tame has the ability to make it difficult for Herr Schröder. Assuming, however, that Oskar really has met his Wadecisive battle for control of a his Government? The conflict between the two men was about social democratic economic strategy, about the kind of ideology that should accompany power.

Herr Lafontaine champi-

oned a modern Keynesianism, demand management, a boost to private consumption, more tax, more spending and, supposedly, more jobs. Herr Schröder advocated a corporatist solution depend-ent on persuading big and medium-sized companies to invest more in job creation. That entailed wage restraint

terloo, how strong is the on the part of the unions and crowing. A more precise inter-Chancellor? Has he won the tax concessions for industry, pretation would be that the There were overlans in the policies of both men and, on this narrow base of agreement, a ramshackle tax reform was constructed, in the long term someone had to

> ne way of reading the events of the past few days is that capitalism has won. "Never in the recent history of Germany has big business been able to topple such a crucial pillar of government, said a dismaved commentator and certainly the representatives of industry have not stopped

modernisers in and around the Chancellery had successfully used the displeasure of industry to outflank the Finance Minister.

Herr Lafontaine knew it and, since he has a paranoid edge, blew it up into a huge conspiracy against him. His sneer that Herr Schröder is a 'cashmere Chancellor" said it all: as far as he is concerned the Chancellor has become a puppet of the capitalists and has finally deserted the Social Democratic Party.

Oskar Bonaparte is more than halfway right about Herr Schröder, The Chancelfor is a captive of big business. From the beginning he has overreacted to their threats and has not set precise limits on their influence. It is in the Chancellor's nature to act as an anchor man, a mediator between competing groups, rather than as a

Typically, he calls in indus-trialists and bankers, asks them their view of what rebounces the opinions off the trade unions. But the unions, crippled by an unemployment rate of more than II per cent, are far weaker and quickly crumble. Only Herr Lafontaine gave them bargaining clout. The German leader is too easily swayed by articulate interest groups and by popular opinion.

f there were an intellectual core to his Government that would not matter too much, but there is not. The winners of last week's drama are clearly the modern-isers — Bodo Hombach in the Chancellery, the Labour Minister, Walter Riester, and, if the Chancellor can bring the party behind him, Herr Schröder himself.

Tomorrow the Chancelior beads for Britain, mainly on a routine pre-European summit scouting mission but also to put the finishing touches to the joint Third Way docu-

The Third Way dialogue between Downing Street and the Bonn Chancellery played a small but significant role in the downfall of Herr Lafontaine. A conversation which should have been conducted by the two party leaderships became a Blair-Schröder event underlining that the Third Way is about power rather than belief.

Herr Lafontaine was suspicious of the toing and froing between London and Bonn. Now the Chancellor needs a modernising manifesto that has broad European support.

. Lurch to right led Lafontaine to quit

A STRAINED and embittered Oskar Lafontaine yesterday broke his silence for the first time since resigning from the Finance Ministry and accused Gerhard Schröder's team of letting him down.

The 55-year-old German politician warned the Social Democratic Party not to swerve to the right after his departure. "The heart is not yet traded on the stock exchange. It has a home, and it beats on the left," he said.

The message was clear: the minister resigned because he felt that Herr Schröder, the Chancellor, was steering the Government too far towards the centre-right and making tou many concessions to hig

But Herr Lafontaine's explanation for his sudden and total withdrawal from politics will not satisfy the curiosity of many Germans who feel that something dramatic must have happened behind the somes to derail such a committed politician. There were, he said, two reasons for his resignation. The first was political: Without good teamwork you cannot work together avores-fully. Teamwork requires that you watch out for each other and that you stick together, especially in public, he said.

Finance Minister says lack of collective responsibility left him isolated, Roger Boyes reports

Herr Schröder for his lack of public support when business corporations started to criticise the Government's tax reforms. Herr Lafontaine believes that the Chancellor's advisers used the public criticism of the tax reform to trip

him up.
When the team does not play well together, it has to be rebuilt ... the new team is now in place and I wish it sucand private life. And now I have made a decision for my private life. I hope the party

Friends of Herr Lafontaine say he had originally planned to resign in late May soon after the expected election of Social Democrat Johannes Rau as the next German President. The infighting within the Government merely accelerated the inevitable. But something

The heart is not traded on the stock exchange. It beats on the left?

cess in its work with Gerhard is still missing from the pic-Schröder." The responsibility ture painted by Herr Latonfor the Government's mistakes, he indicated, should be shared out equally.

The second reason for the resignation, he said, was his need to be with his family and in particular his young son. "Ever since the assassination attempt on me (in 1990), I have been asking how much further fontaine's way of criticising great burden for my family

taine. Politics has been his life for over 30 years, he is married to a very energetic political activist and, although it had become clear that he would never be leader of Germany, he had carved out a big

chunk of power at the very top

of the Social Democratic estab-

lishment. But on the strength

nine years - he threw in not only a Cabinet position and the party chairmanship but also his mandate as a member of parliament.

His team in the Finance Ministry, meanwhile, is being quickly reshuffled. The archi-tects of Herr Lafoniaine's economic philosophy — Heiner Flassbeck and Claus Noe are to leave the ministry by the end of March. Together they gave the intellectual backbone to Herr Lafontaine's attempts

to politicise the economy. Hans Eichel, the incoming Finance Minister, is said to be considering bringing in Fritz Kuhn, a Green Party econo-mist, as his chief official.

Many of the leading Green economists are more marketorientated than those advising their senior partner in Government, the Social Democrats. Herr Flassbeck had argued for lower interest rates and a new exchange-rate regime for the euro, yen and the dollar. He was widely ignored. Now, at the age of 47, Herr Flassbeck can, according to German press calculations, expect around £800,000 of pension and redundancy payments for his five months in office. He thus emerges as the main beneficiary of the power struggle.

better and no worse than he ... William Rees-Mogg, page 20



Oskar Lafontaine carries his son Carl-Maurice, aged two, at his Saarbrücken home

Sleaze inquiry to name Cresson

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission sleaze saga will reach a climax tonight when Edith Cresson and other embattled Commissioners are due to be named in an official inquiry.

Mme Cresson, a former French Prime Minister, was summoned, with at least five colleagues, to the European Parliament last night to read the conclusions of the investigation which was launched under pressure from MEPs to examine individual commissioners's roles.

EU leaders are counting on the inquiry to purge the sleaze which has festered at the Commission, paralysing its authority at a key time for Union negotiations on reform.

Mme Cresson, who is in charge of edutcation, has been accused of nepotism in job appointments and is also under fire for the mismanagement of a multimillion-pound education programme. Depicting herself as a scapegoat, the commissioner has rejected calls to resign. Also under a cloud is Manuel Marin, the Spanish commissioner responsible for

Senior Commission sources say they expect the report to find some fault with individu-

Ministers return to farm cash squabble

will demand fresh cots in farm spending today, a week after Brussels proclaimed a radical new deal to revamp the common agricultural policy (CAP) of the European Union (Charles Bremmer writes).

l'inance ministers will hear criticism from the EU's biggest states about a £4 billion overrun in the farm budget agreed by ministers. Also at today's session, the EU will have its first discussion on efforts to bring taxes into line since the resignation of Oskar Lafontaine. Ministers are keen for evidence that the exit of "Red Oskar" has ended the confusion in

Germany's management of EU affairs nearly three months into its presidency.

Gordon Brown, the Chancellor of the only half-way to a farm deal because the Exchequer, and Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French minister, are to join a ministers had failed to trim the costs.

that, without a cut in the CAP plan, there is little chance of an accord on overall EU spending reform at the Berlin summit. Unhappiness over the CAP reform emerged at a weekend session of foreign ministers near Wiesbaden. Robin Cook. the Foreign Secretary, said the EU was

investmen Gross % AER % 5.64 5.54 5.43 5.33 5.12 £50,000 = £149,99 £25,000 = £49,999 £10,000 = £24,999 £1,000 = £9,999 5.75 5.64 5.54 5.43 5.33 6.10 6.00 5.90 5.80 5.70 5.60 5.50 5.40 5.30 5.20 6.10 6.00 5.90 5.80 5.70 6.10 6.00 5.90 5.80 5.70 5.60 5.50 5.40 5.30 5.20 offshore 6.25 6.15 6.10 6.00 5.90 6.25 6.15 6.10 6.00 5.90 Non 75 OF 6.15 6.00 5.90 5.75 · or send this coupon to the address be (sterling deposits only) made payable to: Newcastle Bank (Gibralcar) Limited BANK (GIBRALTAR) LIMITED



ON THE TEMPUR® MATTRESS

Relieves back pain and aching joints			10	
Reduces stress				E
Can help so relieve arthritic & rheumatic con	ditions	# ** · · ·	diam'r.	BUL
Relieves sciatic paint -		A - 12-44.	1/8	
Better quality sleep	A Section of the sect	, , ,		SK!
Pressure				
Нуро	****	A CONTRACTOR OF THE STATE OF TH		
allergenic				
Superior		A Company		CONTRACT OF
to sprung, water or air mattesses				
illatificasca (illatificasca)	i de la companya della companya della companya de la companya della companya dell			in .
		TEN ARRAGE		
83	Constitution of the same	~ ,	And the second second	
		ALTHUR TO THE PARTY OF THE PART	RDER NO	XI ON
A D	Limited			
The Sees Council	Guarantee	STATE OF THE STATE	REEPHO	JNE
- Company		Recognised by NASA 6" May 1998	800 616	135
Clinically Researched	Recommended by		ουν στο	DO

Clinical Research shows that you may toss and turn 80% less on the Tempur Mattress in comparison to other mattresses. Research also shows, due to this huge reduction in movement, your quality of sleep can be dramatically improved on the Tempur Mattress.

The Tempur Mattress is made from a unique pressure relieving material that moulds to the exact shape of your body distributing pressure evenly, relieving back pain and aching joints.

Medical Professionals

Over 20,000 Medical Professionals worldwide recognise the benefits of the Tempure Mattress and Neck Pillow and are recommending the to their patients suffering fro sleep difficulties, back, joint neck pain or people simply needi a better night's sleep!

Order your Tempur® Mattre on our NO RISK trial!

The Tempure Mattress can tried in your own home for nights. If, after 60 nights you not feel the benefit of t Tempur Mauress we will refu your money in full!

or to find out more return the coupon to: Tempur Pedic (UK) Ltd., FREEPOST (HA 4653) Greenford, Middlesex UB6 8BR;

em	or Fax to: 0181 248 2360.
or	Please send me details on the Tempur Mattress & Pillow
ing	Name
	Tel No.
<u> </u>	Address
he	
60	Post Code
do	
<u>he</u>	TEMPUR
nd	PRESSURE RELIEVING MATTRESS & PILLOW



Rudolph: in hiding for more than a year

Fugitive blamed for clinic bombing

By Damian Whitworth IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA's most wanted man, Eric Rudolph, is a suspect in an abortion clinic bombing close to the for-ested mountains where he is believed to be hiding.

A large bomb exploded outside a clinic in Asheville, North Carolina, on Saturday, but part of the device failed to detonate and nobody was injured in the blast. President Clinton called the attack a "terrible act of senseless vio-lence." and added: "Whether or not a terrorist's bomb achieves its deadly purpose, such cowardly criminal acts strike at the heart of the constitutional free-doms and individual liber-ties all Americans hold

Mr Rudolph has been a fugitive since the bombing in January last year of an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Alabama, in which an off-duty policeman was killed and a nurse badly injured. He has been charged in connection with that bombing and in three Atlanta attacks, including the 1996 Olympic Park bombing that killed

one person.
Some 200 FBI agents have spent more than a year searching for the survival expert in the Nantahala forest, which is so dense a light aircraft that crashed there months ago has still not been found.

Ocalan avengers kill 13 in Istanbul

TWO Kurdish groups have claimed responsibility for the fire-bombing of an Istanbul shopping complex at the week-end in which 13 people died, raising fears of more terrorist acts in retaliation for the ab-duction of Abdullah Ocalan. A previously unknown org-

anisation, calling itself the Kurdish Nationalist Revenge Brigade, and the "Falcons of Apo" said they carried out the attack during busy shopping hours on Saturday.
The National Liberation

Front of Kurdistan (ERNK), an umbrella organisation that includes Mr Ocalan's Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK), denied knowledge of the brigade but refused to condemn the attack. A Brussels-based spokeswoman said the bombing illustrated Kurdish anger and frustra-tion. The Falcons of Apo -Ano is the nickname of Mr Ocalan - claimed responsibility, according to a private Turkish television station.

The PKK had indicated that it would intensify its war with Turkey after Mr Ocalan's abduction in Kenya and his continued imprisonment. The petrol bomb on Saturday was "un-deniably part of that war", Mizgin Sen, of ERNK, said.

The attack, the most serious so far, was the latest in a series of incidents that appear designed to disrupt the country ahead of next month's general election. Last Wednesday a taxi driver was killed in an explosion outside an Istanbul shopping centre. The Foreign Office will to-

day update its advice to people travelling to Turkey. The advice now is that visitors should take "sensible precautions" and be aware of the danger of going to certain areas.

Witnesses said that in the weekend attack two men and a woman hurled petrol bombs into the Mavi Carsi department store on the Asian side of

the city. A lack of fire exits and other safety measures raised the death toll. Many of the dead had rushed to the top of the six-storey building as the fire spread through the perfume and clothing depart-ments on the ground floor.

Past attacks in city centres have been sporadic, possibly because Turkish police were successful in frustrating the ability of Kurdish groups to move down from the mountains and into urban areas. Moreover, the PKK had also been reluctant to attract publicity for terrorist actions that would complicate its search for political legitimacy in the West, However, with Mr Ocalan awaiting trial on the pris-on island of Imrali, some of his supporters may feel they have little to lose by staying their hand.

Angered by the blast, the Turkish press registered its fury at European tolerance of the PKK's political presence The mass-circulation Hurriyet ran a banner headline declar-ing, "This is your doing", above a picture of the gutted complex, and alleged that bleeding hearts in Western embassies were already "forming queue to attend the trial of the baby murderer Abdullah

Bulent Ecevit, the Prime Minster, issued a warning that the country was slipping into a "atmosphere of turmoil", but he was referring less to Saturday's bombing than an attempt by a group of MPs to postpone the election scheduled for April 18. The group, known as "the disgruntled", consists of deputies who have not been re-selected as

Last night the Turkish Army reported that it had killed 17 PKK fighters, including the regional commander,



Southern Africa's original inhabit-ants, members of the San or Bushman people, walk on the dunes of the Kalahari to visit an ancestral burial site. Victims of genocide perpetrated by invading black Bantus and white settlers, the tribes are this month hop-

Bushmen hope to regain land

ing to regain some of the arid land now set aside in Northern Cape (Sam Kiley in Johannesburg writes).

The community might have owner-interesting to regain some of the arid land ship returned to them as part of South Africa's post-apartheid land restination programme. Seen as the ultimate human conservationists, the

most of the vast Kalahari desert is denied to them, have recently been forced out of their ancestral lands on

Tuscan cathedral threatened with underground shop and car park

'Architectural jewel' is at risk from developers, Richard Owen writes

A ROW has broken out over plans to build a car park and supermarket under a Romanesque 13th-century cathedral in a Tuscan hill town popular with British visitors.

The soaring pink, white and green cathedral at Massa Maritima is prized by scholars and tourists because it has remained largely untouched since it was built between 1287 and 1304. According to one authority, it is one of the most beautiful and richly decorated

churches in Tuscany.
Luca Sani, the left-wing
mayor, said Massa Maritima only had one very small car park. "Like other Tuscan towns, we have enormous problems coping with rising numbers of visitors for the millennium," he sald.

A plan approved by the town council envisages additional parking spaces and lock-up garages next to and beneath the cathedral, togeth-er with 10,000 square yards for commercial use. Local reports say a supermarket chain has put in a bid for the

space, which would be created by demolishing old store rooms next to the cathedral and excavating beneath it. Critics of the scheme say it

will endanger the fabric of the great cathedral and make Massa Marittima's traffic congestion worse by attracting cars into the ancient centre without widening medieval access roads. Massa Maritima, which has Etruscan and Roman origins, is set in the classic southern Tuscan landcape



The 13th-century cathedral at Massa Marittima

of cypress trees, chestnut trees, sunflower fields and Renais-sance churches, with the added attraction of hot steam gey-sers. It is not far from San Gimignano, where Tony Blair and his family have spent their summer holidays for the

At one time situated on the Tuscan coast — hence the name — Massa Maritima is now 12 miles inland, thanks to the silting up of the coastal plain. Since medieval times. its wealth has derived from the mining of iron, lead, cop-per and silver. In the summer

French and German visitors, some of whom have bought and converted farmhouses in the nearby Marennna countryside, famed for its olive oil, honey and cheese.

La Repubblica said the cathedral and surrounding piazza formed "one of the architectural jewels" of Italy. "The cathedral is at risk, and could collapse altogether if this plan goes ahead," the paper said. Restoration of the cathedral

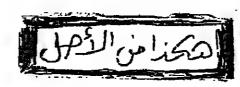
has revealed its structural fragility, according to church officials. The foundations are said to be waterlogged, and the campanile, or celltower, is described as precarious. Some of the neighbouring buildings have been closed because of ·subsidence.

Signor Sani, however, insisted the scheme was viable, and said it would cost £1.5 million. a thard of which would be met from state millennium funds.

that feeling of sliding into the smallest space in the street now comes with FIAT SEICENTO MIA F/I/A/T/Phone: 0800 71:7000 www.fiat.ca.uk

THE WAS A CITED OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY THE CONTRACT OF THE CONTRACT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CONTRACT O

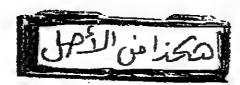


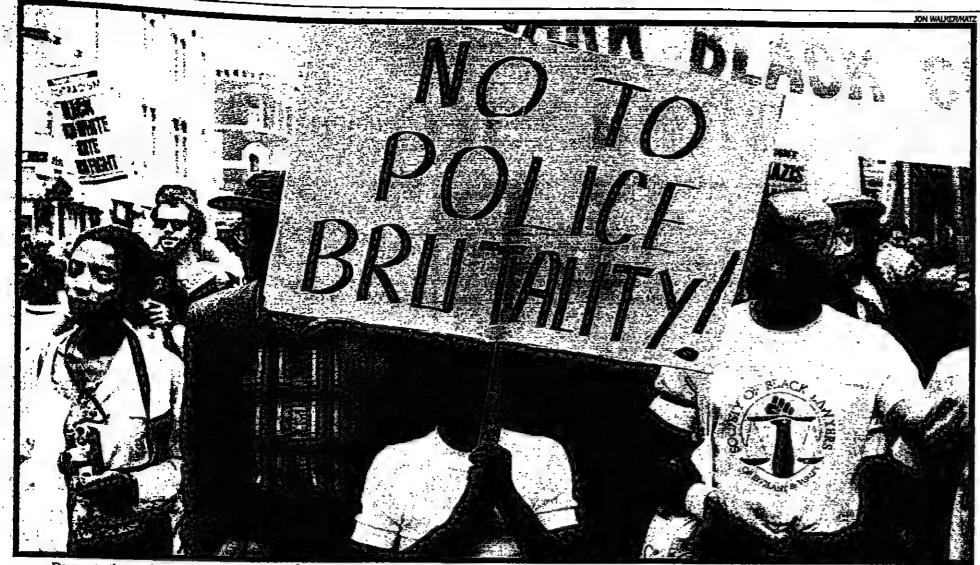


100001

£69.87 ... 000,53

> £160.93... £7,500





Officer, love thy neighbour

A radical training course in race relations is educating LA's

Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles and a group of visitors is watching 1950s' news footage of the American civil rights move-ment. The soundtrack features a black woman singing "Go tell it on the mountain... let my people go", while a white police officer bars a black youth from entering a whitesonly church in Alabama.

I don't have to love anyone I don't want to love," the officer tells the young man, who has politely asked to worship. "You go home and pray for your little niggers."

The visitors shift uneasily before the multimedia display - little wonder since they, too, are law enforcement officials, at the museum for an eighthour "diversity awareness" course recognised as one of the most innovative in America loday. As they move to the video montage of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, which crupted after four white police officers were acquired of heating the black motorist Rothey King — it appears that the four is clearly achieving its goal. One vid-co-screen prompt is: "If you were stopped by the police do-you think you would be treat-

ed fairly?")
"Irreminds you why the public thinks about us in a negative way," says Gary Letona, a. police dispatcher from the gritty port city of Long Beach.

unsecured personal loans:

police. Now it has been offered to Britain. Sue Ellicott reports south of Los Angeles. "Even if I haven't done anything myself, it is the police before its that make them think that way."

While it is common for most

US police recruits to receive some training in cultural awareness, the museum's Tools for Tolerance programme breaks the mould. The course is more emotional. more personal and, its designers would argue, more effec-tive than in-house "sensitivity training offered by police

"We don't imagine for a mo-ment that eight hours is going to change anyone for ever," says Lirbe Geft, the director of the museum, which is part of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. "But we try to give something that stretches the insellect." Since Tools for Tolerance began, the museum, a fortress-like brick building on the fringe of Beverly Hills, has fielded inquiries about the pro-

gramme from Australia, Israel Canada and Ireland. A delegation from the Bundeswehr. the German Armed Forces, will visit later this year.

After the Stephen Lawrence inquiry, which found institu-tional racism in the Metropolitan Police, and the government study accusing police chiefs of taking inadequate steps to improve police-community race relations and diversify their forces, the museum believes that it can help British police to

improve its attitude. Earlier this month Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the museum, sent a leter to Paul Dimond, the British Consul in Los Angeles, to "respectfully suggest that a team from England" might wish to visit. (The museum is awaiting a reply.)
Some might question why
Britain should take advice

from the city that earned notoriety seven years ago for the worst American race riots this century. They would be miss-ing the point. The Museum of Tolerance, which opened in 1993, would probably never. launched Tools for Tolerance had the riots not occurred: After Los Angeles burned, tensions between police and racial groups were so bad that something had to be done.

A grant from the Califor-nian Governor's budget now enables every new recruit at the state police academy to attend the museum's one-day cultural awareness programme; many police chiefs send all their employees, civilians and

sworn-in officers alike. The museum's cultural awareness training differs in both style and substance from that usually offered by police departments.

First, the museum provides an informal setting; discus-sion workshops enable participants to raise concerns about day-to-day police work that they might feel too inhibited to bring up in front of their bosses. Secondly, the museum focuses on human prejudice throughout history, using tragedies such as the Holocaust to illustrate the potential for brutality and cruelty with-

in any society. Participants on a recent tour were shocked to learn that members of the police were pressed by the Nazis into service as collaborators in the persecution of Jews in Germany before the Second World War. Others at the museum were moved on meeting a survivor of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, or when they sat in a mock gas chamber.

"It shows you the process of dehumanising someone and how aspects of that dehumanisation are alive in our society today," says Bob Miller, a sergeant in charge of race sensitivity training in Colton, a city with a large number of Mexican-born residents.

Racial slurs and stereotypes are focused upon and one section dealing with genocide includes film of killings in Rwanda and Bosnia. In one video installation, actors por-tray the accidental shooting of a woman in a diner after a group of white men make rac-ist jokes and are drawn into trading racial epithets with a black security guard. The message is that the police should be as vigilant as anyone in questioning their cultural assumptions and should be wary of insensitive behaviour.

oe Levy, a lieutenant with Long Beach police, says: "We take them from a point of admitting that they all do it — it's human, after all - and lead them to thinking what to do with it. As a cultural awareness instructor, he has taken about 200 groups to the muse-

um over a three-year period.

Police officers in Long Beach spend a day at the Museum of Tolerance as part of a three-day diversity training course that includes candid meetings between law enforcement officials and ethnic community leaders.

"Everyone learns a lot," Levy says. "Sometimes what the police take away is a simple promise to smile and wave more often. And the community leaders learn that we are human."

Despite fears that some older members of the force may be resentful of a more "consumer-friendly" style of policing, most attending the museum seem genuinely fascinated sometimes, deeply moved. Some described their visit as "eerie", "sobering" and

even "numbing".
Patrick O'Dowd, who has worked as a community police officer in Long Beach for six years, says he will be a "better police officer and a better person" thanks to the course.

Some critics may label such an approach as typically Californian, too touchy-feely. But at least California, the most populous and the most ethnically diverse state in America.

beats two Having a third child has finally become respectable,

Why three

says Miranda Ingram orget 24 children. Three is the new 24, the benchmark of the

'It seemed

that a

would

respectable, middle-class family unit, and whether to have a third child is the current debate among the chattering classes in their late thirties or early forties. Even children's literature is reflecting the new nuclear family: We're Going on a Bear Hunt shows the newly requisite boy, girl and baby traipsing through the mud, while Fun with French introduces us to Isabelle, Pierre and baby Sophie.

became respectable, you

had two chilmiddle-class sensible, four if you were that bit richer. But never three, a much warnedthird child against combina-tion which led, it was said, to the dreaded "mid-dle-child syndrome". Now all that is history.

Geraldine

round off the family' Ryan, a radio producer in her forties who is pregnant with her third child, says:

Top of recent lists were the use

of excessive force, drink-driv-

ing by off-duty police and am-

bivalence about their profes-

Several groups were con-cerned about how the lower-

ing of standards by police offic-

ers results in members of the

public losing respect for law enforcement. Others worried about how difficult it was for

officers to speak out against

what they saw as injustices,

especially those committed by

senior colleagues.
"Having the group brain-storm brings it back up to the

surface again," says Levy, the group's cultural awareness in-

structor who supervises such discussions. "Hey! You're not in denial. These are true issues that you and your colleagues face every day." When the

workshops are over, the police

fill in their evaluation forms

and head for their vans to

sion's "code of silence".

has done something practical

to prevent law enforcement

officials from becoming desen-

sitised to racial differences.

And in a culture more open-

minded than Britain's when it

comes to "personal growth".

many police officers appreci-

ate the reminders - even if the

catalyst for change was a pub-lic relations crisis.

attitudes a lot," says one offic-er with 27 years' experience.

"The Holocaust display re-minded me how you block cer-tain things from your mind."

training programme now includes a workshop on "ethi-

cal decision-making". Police divide into focus groups of six

or so to discuss the ethical

mas they face on the job.

The museum's diversity

"I've seen the hardening of

I'd had my two and returned to work. Suddenly it seemed that three would round off the family. It's seizing that last chance. "Since women have been able to control their fertility, we have erred towards

keeping numbers down.

Now we are getting more flexible about using it to have more than two.
"With more infertility. and women leaving it too late to have children, you are envied these days for having kids — so why not take the opportunity to

have one more?" Molly Innes, a mother of two toddlers who is debat-ing whether to have a third child, links the urge to hitting 40. "I always imagined that I'd have two," she says.

that I want a third, but I don't want to leave it too

late and then wish I had. When women had their first children in their twenties, there was plenty of time to think about extending the family. Nowadays we are having first children later, and they are barely out of nappies before you are facing the end of your childbearing years. It's a

case of now or never." Perhaps surprisingly, it is grandparents who greet the three-children trend with horror. Mother-ofrecently gave birth in her

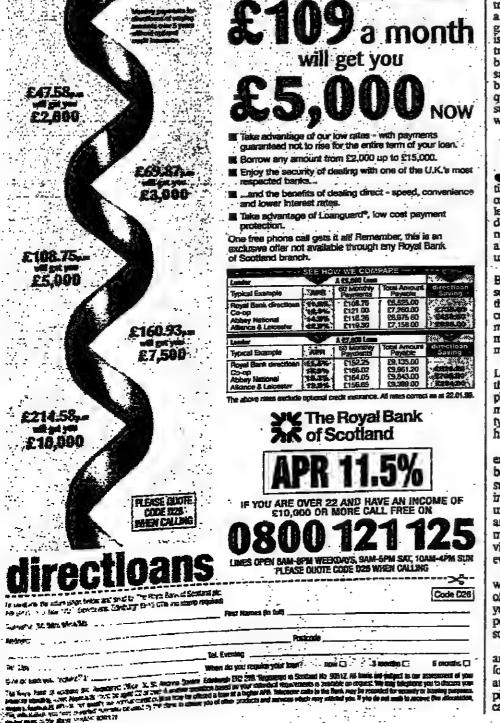
early forties to a third child, says: 'Ten years ago, the talk was all about the population explosion having more

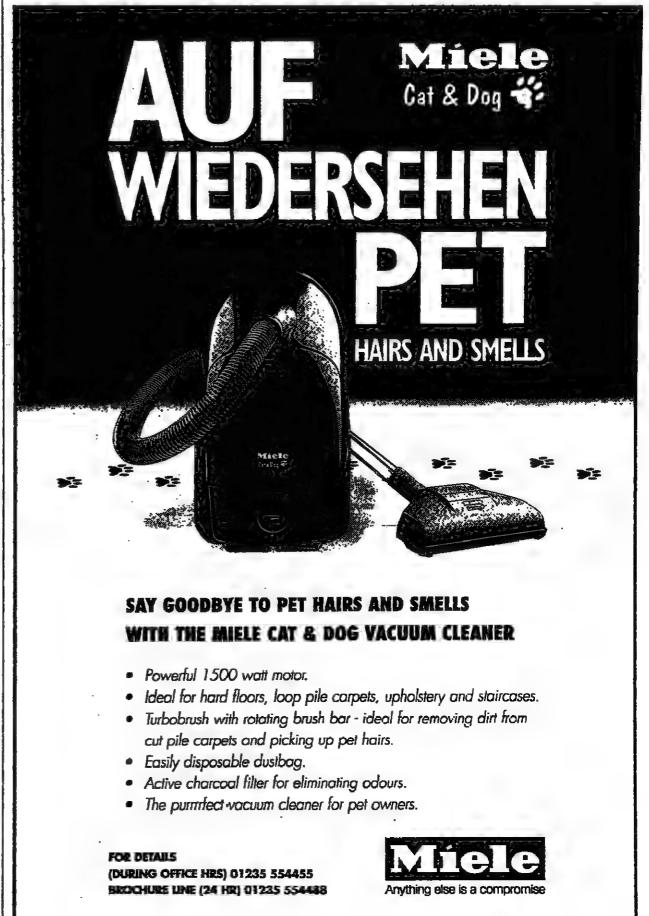
dren was irredon't hear that any more, so you no longer have to excuse yourself to your contemporaries. "It was my

parents and their friends who thought I was mad. But they are of the generation who urged their daughters not to do what they did — to get stuck at home with kids."

The psychologist Oliver James also links the threechild syndrome to the cycles of feminism. 'The women who 15 years ago were aged about 40 were in the vanguard of the fight to reject their mothers' lives," he says. "They were not going to become domesticated at any cost. Today's women of the same age are more relaxed about the traditional role of motherhood."

Finally, there is the influence of economics. When the middle classes believe they are better off they have more children. Good news. then, for Gordon Brown's pro-family Budget.





PARIS FASHION WEEK

WHILE Paris got on with being directional, the tireless search (which I started four weeks ago in New York) for some white summer trousers continued with, if I might say, admirable dedication. White trousers are

always a testing purchase but I now believe that I've found the solution to most trouser problems: Barbara Bui's shop, 23 Rue Etienne-Marcel, 75001. And when you find the ultimate trousers that fit perfectly, you will stick to that label for ever. Whether you want cut-offs, narrow legs, wide, pale blue, grey, brown, she's got them them all — as well as those deceptively simple tops and apron-line dresses that you can never find in Britain. I am now on a one-woman mission to get her sold in the UK.

THE other mobbed-out shop in Paris is Paul and Joe at 46 Rue Etienne-Marcel, the source of every great catwalk look, done with inimitable French chic. It opened only a week ago but this slim, glass-fronted shop is already filled with hands clamouring for crochet headscarves threaded with ribbon, multicoloured paisley silk halter-necks and embroidered flip skirts. For the collector of the little beaded bag (an accessory trend that doesn't seem to be anywhere near decline) there is a wall dedicated to the smallest brown and cream chrysanthemum flower bags with a smaltering of sequins. The girlie kitsch is carried through to the decor, with its hand-painted illustrations of avant-garde shoes and feathered hats.

■ SOME of the New Guard designers' attempts to be maddening are almost endearing. The brains behind L'Epicerie, the hip shop that is beloved by underground stylists and editors, which was opened by two twentysomething skateboarders on the Left Bank last summer, decided to stage a happening last week to snare some attention from the more overground publications.

So far, so disappointingly conformist. They returned to form, however, when they decided to remove all the stock for the duration of Paris Fashion Week. Members of the fashion crowd who tracked down the store hoping to discover some of those combat prints that the shop did recently were confronted with piles of CDs.

■ RUMOURS of Naomi Campbell's £40.000 levy for appearing on the catwalk have been greatly exaggerated, it would seem. The five editors who turned up for the very intimate presentation put on by the new Australian designer Martin Grand were surprised to see Naomi pull up in her limousine just as the show was about to start — and step straight on to the catwalk. She was there free of charge, apparently, because André Leon Talley, American Vogue's editor-at-large, who is a friend of both parties, had asked her. It's the supermodel's version of downshifting.

SPRING CLASSICS

Eric Hill couture

plus – Classic Designer Collections, at realistic prices -

Finn Karelia, Toddy, Grazia, Sempre, Quimo, Lewinger

plus many otbers, P&P is FREE

SIZES 12-26 Some short fittings

Post to: Eric Hill Ltd, Dept (T68), High St, Bramley, Nr. Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0HQ. Please send me my FREE Spring Catalogue.

From android chic to















HOSPICE MARE ST. LONDON ER 4SA Death came with friendly cont of our many friends and supp we are able to bring peace, e and comfort to the terminal

come with friendly care.

ST. JOSEPH'S





NEXT DISCO AFREE H JUSTAI

ber w. ... House competition with F Minday, Plus a free 24-page glassy \$

Ip//www.the-times.cm.u.s.

Your own branch. Open all night.

1.25am local time. A cashpoint in West London. 3.33am local time. On the phone from Karachi. 5.45am local time. On the net from a San Francisco PC.

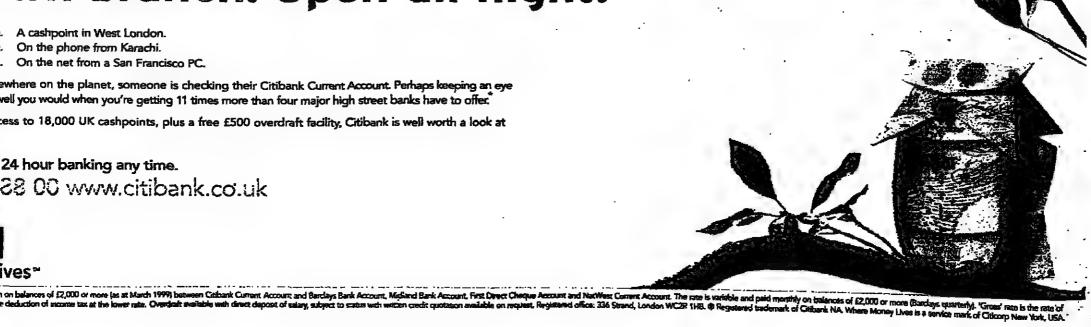
At any time, somewhere on the planet, someone is checking their Citibank Current Account. Perhaps keeping an eye on their interest - well you would when you're getting 11 times more than four major high street banks have to offer."

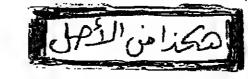
And with free access to 18,000 UK cashpoints, plus a free £500 overdraft facility, Citibank is well worth a look at any time of day.

Discover free 24 hour banking any time. 0900 00 88 00 www.citibank.co.uk

CITIBAN(

where money lives^a





sharp

sharp tailoring

Blending creative spirit with the commercial world is Paris's greatest challenge. Photographs by Simon Walker and Paul Rogers

rankly, once you've sat through one fashion show in the dark, you've sat through them all. Olivier Theyskens, the 22-year-old Belgian who designed the scary leather ballgown that Madonna wore to last year's Oscars, showed, in a blacked-out warehouse, his version of the "aggro" tailoring that is turning out to be Paris's take on the future. A year ago this might have seemed perverse - not to say inconsiderate towards photographers - but since the Dutch duo Viktor & Rolf had already pulled this stunt back in January, it was just old hat.

Last week's real shock was seeing Rei Kawakubo of Comme des Garçons tackle disco. Watching Kawakubo work with sequins is like seeing Wim Wenders direct Richard and Judy, but the span-

gles, hammered into fuchsia, yellow and crazy-paving patterned shift dresses, looked gorgeous, so maybe Wim should give it a whirl.

While the Japanese gear up for the Big Party, the Belgians seem to be leading the way in pretentious presentations. Still, in their way they are a bridgehead to the future - bursting with creatively avant-garde beans and (mostly) not yet

signed up by a major house. At Dior, John Galliano's normally refined vision looked a little tarnished. When it wasn't buried beneath inelegant cable knits (an idea tried first, and more successfully, by Jean Paul Gaultier), it got lost in proportions that looked fine on a oft model, but probably not on the aver-

age Dior customer. At Givenchy the concept was android chic. Alexander McQueen, one of the first of the new generation of designers to lead the way back to strong, savage tai-loring, served up blockbuster shoulders, sparing heels and models who looked like albino robots pounding along a vast, reflective catwalk. That is one uncompromisingly tough silhouette, much of it emphasised with harsh, coloured stripes that bisected the suits like masking tape.

Both Galliano and McQueen came up with more beautiful and interesting work for their own collections this season. Yoking a creative spirit on to a commercial juggernaut is the challenge facing Paris's big houses. Concetta Lanciaux, the polyglot talent scout who bro-kered deals for LVMH with Michael Kors, McQueen, and Marc Jacobs, says that they have complete freedom at their respective houses. "People talk about the homogenisation of fashion, but all we're doing is giving the individual houses a synergy and an infrastructure that they

wouldn't otherwise have on their own. It's the way fashion has to go to survive," she says.

Perhaps, but part of creating synergy is ensuring that what goes into the shops bears some resemblance to what appears on the catwalks. At John Galliand, 60 per cent didn't. According to Lanciaux, his catwalk vision for Dior has increased sales by 40 per cent. "But you don't see women walking in the street wearing it," she says, "Dior customers are chauffeur-driven,"

At Louis Vuitton, where Marc Jacobs pends weeks agonising about the angle of a pocket, the clothes he designs account for 1 per cent of the house's annual turnover - and are available in only six of its stores worldwide. All that hoopla, all those fevered phone calls to pro-

cure tickets for what has become one of

the hottest Paris shows . . . for a bunch

of bags. Actually, the bags — reworked as shiny, scarlet patent duffels, wheelie suitcases (destined to be the status sym-

bol of 2000), and outsize Kellys, all com-

prehensively embossed with that pricey

LV monogram - and those baggy boots

with skyscraper heels the colour and

The clothes were good, too: less con-

strained by the minimalism that marked

their debut under Jacobs a year ago and

more trashed-up, in keeping with the mil-lennial party mood that dimly surfaced

in Paris. Blanket ponchos were trimmed

with rhinestones; soft leather skirts with

tiny LV belts were dipped in pale gold.

The designer has hit his stride and

knows how to work the details that trans-

form classics into must-haves: a cube-

shaped tassel on a shoe here, a leather

thong belt on trousers there. But it seems

a bit of a con that most are merely props

for the accessories. At YSL, until this sea-

son the last of the great French houses

with its founder still incumbent, the

TRENDS Bootleg trousers;

three-quarter-length single-breasted

coats: slit pockets: dungaree backs: strong tailoring futuristic and Courreges touches. Colours: brown,

rust, mustard, cream and . . . black.

translucency of topaz were terrific.

drama of the week unfolded as Alber Elbaz, the 37-year-old Israeli-born designer, took over the ready-to-wear of this £22.5 million-a-year business. It wasn't great — though one felt for Elbaz at what was a portentous fashion mo-ment. He replayed a lot of old YSL clas-sics — the sheer shirts, the buckled shoes that Catherine Deneuve wore in Belle de Jour, the tuxedos and, inexplicably, the knee breeches - but didn't have the maestro's touch to make them succeed.

Lovely clothes, old-fashioned though it

may seem, are what most women are looking for. And that may be the problem: directional designers like to make statements; the average woman wants some decent trousers that fit. There are designers happy to fill this

role. Stella McCartney sent out scores of sexily cut bootleg trousers (the dominant shape in Paris last week), Sherlock Holmes tweed coats and her trademark satin and sequined skirts. Ann Demeulemeester showed more of her elegant trousers, raw-edged sheep-skins and butchers' apronwrap skirts.

Cerrutti had semi-fitted shift dresses worked in felt, or wool and patent patchwork; slim, single breasted coats, and offered the best slant on the Courrèges revival. Yohji Yamomoto's romantic but mannish tailoring made the best case so far for reviving the jacket. Back in his showroom, Theyskens cuts a sharp suit and has a way with leather that compares to McQueen. After the sporty and rustic slop of Milan, was nice to see so-called renegades revisiting the traditional skills of tailoring.

That fashion journalists need to visit showrooms to inspect "the real collection" speaks volumes about where many French fashion houses see themselves today - firmly in the land of showbiz.

You can understand their dilemma: we have become visual-shock junkies. You can go the other way and show clothes that are so beautifully muted, so daringly wearable - leaving aside the obstacle of Hermès's price-tags - that if you were anyone other than the endlessthought-provoking Belgian designer Martin Margiela, no one would turn up.

Hermes's luxurious theme was echoed on the soundtrack, although it may be that the biggest luxury of all is Margiela's contract, which allows him to remain anonymous.

This is by no means typical of the French approach to fashion. If you want wearable clothes, visit Gap. If you want Paris - honey, go and hire a chauffeured limo first.







TIMES

NEXT MONDAY, DISCOVER THAT A FREE HOUSE IS NOT JUST A KIND OF PUB.



Fantastic Win A House competition with Virgin One. Starting in The Times, next Monday. Plus a free 24-page glossy Interiors magazine to keep.



CHANGING TIMES



"DYNAMITE"

"Yet another explosive system from Quantex"

Absolute Power has just been redefined - Absolutely? Who else can match this incredible quality and price?

The blisteringly fast Intel^a Pentium^a III Processor is combined with the brilliant TNT Graphics card and Detonator drivers to produce such a powerful system that graphics seem to explode into life. Quantex has just re-written the book on computer power.

M45D: £999+VAT £1,173.83 INC vat

System Specifications

- Intel® Pentium® III Processor 450MHz
- Intel SE440ZX AGPset
- 3rd Generation DVD
- 128Mbyte Ultra Fast Memory ■ 15" Digital Colour Monitor
- Nvidia RIVA TNT 128-bit 16MB Graphics Card ■ Soundblaster AudioPCI Sound Card
- Non-Integrated Graphics or Sound
- Mains Powered Speakers ■ Microsoft Windows 98, Corel Office Suite 8
- 10.2 Gbyte Ultra ATA Hard Disk Drive
- Year 2000 and 9999 Compliant ■ Lifetime Technical Support 24 Hours Per Day...

EVERYDAY! M50D: As above but with a 500MHz processor

and 17" Monitor £1,199+VAT

Call for special options:

Special Bonus Pack, Monitors, Warranties and Super Fast BT Highway Conversions,



0% Finance option

56k Modern FREE to 1st 1,000 callers

...DELIVERED BY QUANTEX

9999 and Year 2000 Compliant

Our systems are hardware compliant using four digit codes to record the year. For example, the Year 2000 will be recorded on the internal clock as 2000 and not 00.

POWERED BY INTEL...

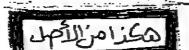


Express Delivery

Why choose Quantex? We have designed a revolutionary new product designed to allow faster 3-D processing and better quality audio. But it doesn't just stop there. With Intel® Pentium' III processors at the heart of our system it takes multimedia to new levels of realism and provides the power for the

www.gtx.co.uk

next generation of internet and state-of-the-art 3D processing. www.ngtx.co.uk www.highway.bi.com To Order: 01438 224444 Fox: 01438 224224





MUSIC The fourth tenor takes to the podium

THE TIMES





VISUAL ART: John Russell Taylor is pleased to see Charles I's court painter Orazio Gentileschi step out of the shadow of his daughter Artemisia





Spot the differences: The Finding of Moses, the late biblical masterpiece painted in two versions in the 1630s by the artist Orazio Gentileschi. He had to conform to English (left) and - perhaps more puritanical - Spanish tastes

Father in the spotlight Hanging side by side on one wall, the two pictures resist bly dictated by the more puri-easy ranking. The left-hand tanical standards of the Spanwithout somehow downgradgesque David Slaying Golia-th of about 1606 to the meas-

demned to live in the shadow of his daughter Artemisia. For the present intellectual climate, of course, Artemisia has all the advantages. She was one of the earliest women known and definable as a professional artist, living and working in the first half of the 17th century. She painted a famous and bloodthirsty version of Judith Decapitating Holofernes and several images of Judith with his head after the event, not to mention one of the most disturbed accounts of the Elders spying on Susanna. She could hardly help be-coming a ferninist icon. Orazio, on the other hand,

elevate one family member for its timing. Orazio had lection; and Joseph and Potif- Prado.

lore from Verdi. Puccini and compa-

citative and aria.

ducted by a singing back.

torio. Ecce homo, simmering some-

where on the back burner. The sing-

ing began comparatively recently -

his stage debut was in 1992 -

to ansure customer service quality standards some calls may be

n recent years Orazio Gentileschi has been con-

strong English connections, coming to London in 1626 as ing the other, he has been neglected: Artemisia got her big court painter to Charles I and show in Florence eight years ago, while it is dubious whethremaining there until his death in 1639. During his time in London he painted, notably, a group of paintings on biblier Orazio has ever had a ma-jor show all to himself before cal themes which hung in the the one now in London at the National Gallery, before going Queen's House at Greenwich and were in some cases apparon to Bilbao and the Prado. Even this show is not one of ently designed for their place those enormous international there. Of these the show reblockbusters, but, at a mere nine pictures (plus a portrait of unites three: Lot and his Daughters, now in the Museo him by Van Dyck), it undoubtde Bellas Artes, Bilbao; The had nothing to declare but his talent. And on the rather unfair principle that one cannot refer to the first principle that the first principle that the first principle that the first principle that th

er's Wife, sold, like the others, after Charles's execution in 1649 but returned to the Royal Collection at the Restoration.

The 350th anniversary of Charles's death is only one trigger for the show. Another must have been the opportunity offered for bringing together the version of Gentileschi's late masterpiece The Finding of Moses, originally painted for Charles's queen, Henrietta Maria, and the even later, and some think even more masterly, version painted soon after. around 1633, for Philip IV of Spain and now residing in the side of the composition varies very little between the two versions, but the right is quite dif-ferent: one of the female fig-ures pointing towards a decidedly English-looking landscape has been eliminated, and the other turns her attention away from the substituted, nondescript landscape to-wards the child. The kneeling figure on this side is in almost exactly the same pose, holding forward the basket with the ish court.

Both paintings are equally favourable examples of Gentileschi's later manner, which goes in for subtle, muted tones and tranquil, balanced compositions, eschewing the extravagant, contorted poses and un-nerving changes of scale and perspective to be found in the early style, when he was strongly under the influence of his friend Caravaggio.

The show does give, in its relbaby, but in the Prado's ver- atively limited compass. a sion is fully dressed instead of good idea of Gentileschi's degularity in order to value Orazio. His varied and international career, working in Rome, Genoa, Paris and finally London, enabled him to be a painter of subtle, poetic distinction, as well as a vital link between the wilder shores of Caravaggism and the ordered harmony of the great French classics. It is high time we took another look.

● National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WCZ (0171-747 2385) until May 23 clear: we do not have to detract anything from Artemisia's sin-

e sings! He conducts! He's got Latin looks! He's the Fourth Tenor! This is per-All the haps how a fairground barker would advertise José Cura. In some respects. Thursday night's gala confun of cert of operatic chunks belonged in a fairground, for not only did the strapping Argentine tenor, this great white hope, sing and conduct, the fair he did both at the very same time. As a visual spectacle, this took some bearing. Doorned heroes ga-

ny were paraded before the Festival Hall audience, bewaiting their lot. CONCERT hearts breaking, facing death in re-Philliannonia/Cura But instead of supporting the voice and emotion with the odd wrenching gesture or imploring stab. Cura's hands and arms were Festival Hall

busy beating time to the players be-hind him. flapping tike a bird's though Cura's ringing voice, pin-up looks, leonine profile and CD releaswings, urging on the Philharmonia Orchestra strings or cuing a wood-wind overlay. If it looked daft and es have already whipped up a large fan following, Internet shrine and dysfunctional to us, imagine how the Philharmonia felt, being conall, it took only a few notes of Don Alvaro's Act III lament from The Force of Destiny for some of the man's magic to work: the tone clear Cura, to be sure, has every right to conduct. He is trained to do so; he is as a bell, colour-coded chocolate also a trained composer, with an ora-

But his is still a young tenor, unfit as yet for the dizzier heights of tragic anguish, Individual words throbbed with feeling: "Piango!" he cried in

"Sento avvampar nell'anima" from Simon Boccanegra, a hand briefly clutching his throat, shading the re-peated phrase with all the rainbow's darker hues. Yet this was just a spot effect; for much of the time, the voice was mellifluous but functional, the man's energies distracted, no doubt. by the business of waving those

Not that the Philharmonia seemed to need much guidance in this concert (sponsored by Rosenblatt Solicitors). The Force of Destiny overture made it perfectly clear we were in safe hands; their clear, burnished tone and dramatic sense was a joy throughout. For "Vesti la giubba" from Pagliacci. Cura the conductor took great delight in drawing out a growl from the doublebasses at the end; an amusing stunt, though for aural glory nothing could match the Philharmonia's handling of the prelude to Puccini's Il Tabarro, soaked in the atmospherics of the Seine at night.

At the end came the cheers, the encores, and the presentation of a notably small bouquet. "For me?" Cura pantomimed. Perhaps the flowers would have multiplied had the conducting been left to another. A promising voice, then; but a rather ridiculous evening.

Big band bonanza

NOW that "retro" means anything up to the grunge-rock formula of the early 1990s, it takes a bold leap of the imagination to adopt a sound and style from the pre-rock in roll era as your musical remplate. But in the same way the Mavericks and BRS-49 revitalised the forgotten genres of Western swing and the country torch song, so Brian Setzer has reinvented big band music, sparking off an unlikely craze in America for the brass-driven sounds, dance-steps and fashions of the 1940s and 1950s.

Setzer, formerly of rockabilly revivalists the Stray Cats, began his unlikely campaign as long ago as 1993 in the face of implacable media and industry indifference. Last month he was rewarded with two Grammy awards for songs on the Brian Setzer Orchestra's third album. The Dirty Boogie, which has now sold more than two million

copies in America. At the Shepherds Bush Empire on Friday, he radiated the self-confidence of a man who was not just vindicated, but on a roll. Wearing brothel-creeper shoes and a shiny black suit festooned with big silver stars, his bland quiff set ing voice, then: but a didus evening.

GEOFF BROWN at an improbably jaunty angle, the 38-year-old Setzer looked like a cartoon character, an effect which was reinforced by his 15-man band who were POP

all immaculately attired in lime green dinner suits and seated in neat rows behind their rabbit-hutch music stands. in a set paced like a runaway train, they romped through a mixture of old

songs such as Jump Jive An' Wail, Let The Good Times Roll and Since I Don't Have You together with various of Sezer's own compositions in the same idiom, including Switchblade 327. This Cars On A Hot Tin Roof and The Dirty Boogie. Despite the immense firepower of the horns, and an impressively jitterbagging rhythm sec-tion, it was Setzer's guitar playing which dominated the sound, investing the music with a contemporary rock'n' roll edge, but at the same time betraying the necessarily ersatz nature of the

While the show was executed by Setzer with brazen panache, his virtuoso fretboard displays were frequently more about flash than feeling, especial ly on a version of the instrumental standard Sleepwalk where the poign-ant melody was buried beneath flurries of unnecessary notes.

DAVID SINCLAIR



ured works of three decades

One thing is absolutely

later which anticipate Poussin:

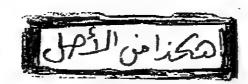




It's not your eyesight that needs testing. It's the car.

To appreciate the improvements we've made to the new Audi A4, you'll need to move closer. A lot closer. Call 0345 899 777 now to arrange a test drive.

www.eudl.co.uk



4.766.

Same of Street of the Con-

Branch work

the party of the second

بدوسها بيدا موسم

The water to the second section

Miles and the second The same that the same of the same that the

> AND THE PARTY OF P - 4 . ..

Service of Section 18

WATER THE PERSONS AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSONS ASSESSED.

THE PARTY OF THE PARTY.

Section (Section)

ET GALLECTION

SHIKESPE VAL

NUMBER

State of spirit and the state of the state o

Education of a foxy lady

THEATRE: The stage is in her blood

but Emilia Fox took to it rather

• Oxford

seemed

like

an

insurance

late, she tells Michael Owen

went to boarding school at 13, she made two discoveries. The first was that her fellows had seen her parents, Edward Fox and Joanna David, on television and considered that somewhat exceptional. "I had no idea my family did anything unusual until then," she says.

The second discovery could have been more painful, as she became aware that her parents had never married, despite maintaining a stable joint home since before her birth. "That did come as a sur-prise, knowing that I could be called a bastard - not that anyone ever did. But I look at them now, see the companionship they have and think how fortunate they are."

A decade or so on, Fox is turning out to be a discovery in her own right. Just 24 and three years out of Oxford, she is rattling through a range of roles on stage and TV which suggest she is one of the most compelling actresses of her generation.

She was plucked from St Catherine's College, where she was reading English, to play Georgi-na D'Arcy in BBC TV's Pride and Pre-judice, then fol-lowed it with another classy serial as Mrs De Winter in Rebecca (a role her mother played before her

In the theatre she played Anya in Adrian Noble's The Cherry Orchard and last year traumatic that no first night took the title role in Katherine Howard at Chichester. Just when she seemed set for a career in long frocks, she broke the mould with some distinctly contemporary parts, most notably as the punkish archivist in Stephen Poliakoff's Shoot-

ing the Past on TV. Now she is poised to take her first leading role on the London stage, joining Charles Dance in Donmar Warehouse's revival of C.P. Taylor's Good. Set in 1930s Berlin, it tells of a college professor's de-scent into Nazism, taking with him the girl who has become

his besotted student and lover. Slight and slender, with direct brown eyes. Fox has inherited her mother's gentleness and just occasionally reveals the gamey grin that frequently lights up her father's face. Everyone wants to be at the Donmar or Almeida these days, don't they?" she asks rhetorieatly. "I feel very lucky."

Her character in Good begins in blissful naivety. "She does not see the evil around her. She is blinkered by the process of falling in love. But by the end she is forced to see the evil and particularly in proximity to the person she lives. It is a dark piece. I believe it is important to have a

hen Emilia Fox character who perversely and paradoxically stays on an up-

lifted level." Good was also described by its author as a musical comedy, and Fox plays the cello on stage. Two years ago she also demonstrated her piano skills in the television film The

Temptation of Schubert.
"I played both from the age of four; I got all the grades but never thought about music as a profession. I was enough of a show-off to play in front of a few people but it would have been too nerve-racking to go in front of an audience. I wasn't that good."

Given her family back-ground, which includes the producer Robert Fox and the actor James Fox as uncles, a grandfather who was a celebrated agent and actresses who go back a further two generations, she decided on acting

surprisingly late. 'At school, I didn't know what I wanted to do. Then I was put up for Oxford. Hav-ing seen my parents go

seen my parents go through the ups and downs of the most precarious profession in the like an insurance policy."
But once at Ox-

ford she threw herself into the acting Then fraternity. she was moned to Pride and Prejudice, although she still managed a respect-able 2:1 degree. The finals were so

can seem as frightening in comparison." she says. She is now proud to be following in the family tradition. 'I did have a few misgivings at first. It has been important to me to get a whole range of work under my belt to show that this is me and I'm not like my Mum and Dad. My ambition is never to be pigeonholed. I was seen as vulnerable and demure for a while but

i can be strong and modern." Fox will be seen in April in a hospital-based TV film called Bad Blood. She plays the scrub nurse to Alex Jennings's surgeon. "We had to go and watch open-heart surgery, to get the feel of an operating thearre. I felt really queasy. But at least I didn't pass out like a

I think I have now proved that

flakey girl." Since she has been exposed to so much theatre in her early years, what shows made a lasting impression? She durifully mentions her father in The Philanthropist and her mother in The Cherry Orchard. Then the Foxy grin settles in place. "But the one I'll never forget was at the Unicorn Theatre. Tintin and the Black Island - that was just the best."

Cood opens at the Donmur (0171-369 1732) on March 23

THEATRES



"I was seen as vulnerable and demure for a while," says a demure-looking Emilia Fox, "but I can be strong and modern"

ottingham Playhouse celebrates its 50th anniversary this year. In the winter of 1948-49 it played to its first audience in a converted cinema on Goldsmith Street; 15 years later the company moved into the friendly glass and brick building in Wellington Circus, with its almost circular auditorium designed by Peter Moro.

At the time of the move the artistic director was John Neville, actor as well as director. He last acted on the Nottingham boards 30 years ago, before he departed for Canada. Now Martin Duncan, the present incumbent, has lured him back for three performances only of Beckett's duologue for man and tape-recorder, Krapp's Last Tape.

Neville, now 73, has hinted that this may be his last stage appearance. The play is also the last that Duncan directs here in his four-year stint. As well as overseeing a revival of the Playhouse's fortunes, Duncan has extended its reputation abroad with a succession of foreign

A powerful way to celebrate

tours, the last of these being Endgame, the other half of his Beckett double bill. which goes to Weimar to take part in a theatre festival in this year's European City of Culture.

It is a production that can only reinforce Nottingham's international reputation. On Wolfgang Göbbel's fiercely black and white set, James Bolam's Hamm sits hunched upon his throne like a monstrous Grandma Buggins. Compensating for a lightness of voice by intoning his words, the poetic and the ferocious - and they are sometimes one and the same -

he creates a grimly fascinating tyrant, bossing but dependent upon Alistair McGowan's angular Clov. Beckett's plays oblige his actors to become clowns and McGowan's morose agility, the hangdog posture with carrotty hair flopping, spreadeagled in a doorway three times his height, vividly conveys the (just) comic oleakness of absurdly total desolation.

Desolation famously marks the life of Krapp, listening on his 69th birthday to tapes he made half a lifetime before. Neville, with the wild hair and red nose of an unreformable toper, trots round his ancient tape-recorder with a pedant's hobble: just a foolish old man. But as the tape winds forward and memories of lost love assail him, his aghast face shows him wrenched back to a terrible sobriety. His head sinks on to the table, he rallies and stares at us as darkness closes in upon him. He leaves us with a powerful image to celebrate a multiple anniversary.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Cool under pressure

ust to think of Simon Block makes me nervous. His people bang onstage with their palms sweating and their hearts racing and, many of them, their egos hem on making others feel even more edgy. Only David Mamet. American author of Glengarry Glen Ross, has a better claim than our all-British Block to be called the bard of modern stress or chronicler of pres-

sure-cooker living.

Another of his idiosyncrasies is to choose offbeat situations. His Not a Game for Boys involved a war for dominance among cabbles playing in a ping-pong league. His Chimps was about salesmen who, when not embattled with each other, were busy forcing silicone-based water-repellent on harried householders. No great surprise, then, to find that No Exp. Req'd, his latest play, concerns two spivvish brothers who advertise for cartoonists to help them with their new wheeze, which is to make colourful visiting cards

No Exp. Reg d Hampstead

for upwardly mobile kids. The play is aimed largely at teenagers: which may explain why it is more schematic and didactic than Block's previous work. He has even introduced a raisonneuse in Helen Schles-inger's kindly Marilyn, a PA or (more accurately) tea-maker who intermittently steps out of the action to deliver pensées about bosses, jobs. industrial relations and so on.

She has plenty to discuss, for happily Block has lost none of his energy. Dim brother Dave (Tom Watt), who is desperate to enrich his wife and child, and aggressive brother Andy Uay Simpson), who is as keen on power as on money, have a deadline to meet. They are constantly on the phone to their brother-in-law, threaten-ing to "burn down your house with you stapled to the door" if he fails to produce the promised computer software on time. But Andy needs victims, and finds them in Jules (Kaye Wragg) and Clarke (the baldly named A.J.), two school-leav-

ers beguiled by his wages. At times the play resembles an employment advice manual, for Andy contrives to be racist and sexist a cheat a groper and an appailing bully. But then they learn that he needs them more than they need him, and take their revenge. The play is not just a big truism, however, and the sentimentality that threatens at the end is just a blind. Block is still Block, and in Andy he has created a character that Simpson relishes playing and I relished watching: a mean-faced monster for the millennium.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



■ THEATRE

Sophie Okonedo stars in a new Troilus and Cressida at the National Theatre OPENS: Tonight REVIEW: Wednesday



MUSIC

Jolly japes with Oliver Knussen as he conducts two of his fantasy operas CONCERT: Wed. QEH REVIEW: Friday



FILM

Just paranoia? Jeff Bridges watches his neighbour in the thriller Arlington Road RELEASED: Friday REVIEW: Thursday



OPERA

Alastair Miles sings the title role in ENO's staging of Boito's Mephistopheles OPENS: Thursday **REVIEW: Saturday**

e dan eri

ART GALLERIES IN LOVE Samuer by Alon Hall On set Juney telmon CLASSICAL Tomor 5:00 PARSFAL THEATRES CHICAGO STILL THE HOTTEST SHOW Mon-Sat B. Wed & Sat Mats J

THE LION

#LDWYCH 0171 416 6000 cc 0171 957 4001#20 0000(blog loss Grps 0171 416 8075413 3021 "Linyd Webberts best strate stress Plenstons" 0.764 SHAKESPEARE WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND relateday 17th & Thursday 19th March 1999 BEST NEW HUSICAL IN TOWN D.M. taly, completely Capital Radio mpenistration (Albert arct, Landen Wife 198 Tel Of Tour entit Las of The Tenth Now booking to March 2000 Mon-Sal 7 45 Mats Thur & Sal 100 ALMEIDA AT THE ALBERT
OTT: 369 1740/344 4444
Once again the Attacks
has excited London Thesire
with a resemble play FT
Gotty's locating correct, D. Mail
VASSA
States this think to for Sampely fensy_hillefous' inci
"A supera performance from
Shela Hancock' Grin
ST 2 WEEKS - MUST END 27 MAR. Choral Society BO 0181 290 4527 Atan Ope Sings Vaughan Williams Sep Symphony Westaunster Cerdal Hall dents CAPS S10 N Mon-Sat 7,30om, Thur & Sat Mat 3pm 0171 494 SECTION 4444

MARK LITTLE IN

DEPENDING

THE CAVEMAN **OPERA & BALLET** THE CAN DIRECT
by Rich Backer
'A rare from the Cave
_Miletour' O Mail
'ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT
John Gray (Men are from Mass.)
Mon-Truss 8, Fri 845, Sat 6 & 8.45 APOLLO VICTORIA ec 0171 418 6085 ec20m 0771 344 44447171 420 0000 Grps 416 6075413 3221 Andrew Word Webbert STARLIGHT EXPRESS cc 24hs (C1 bkg lee) 0171 344 0055 Grps 413 3321/0800 614 903 YOLL FOR A TICKET M.o.S.

THE CLASSIC LOVE STORY OF OUR TIME!

NOW IN CES STORY OF OUR TIME! Even 7 46 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm Good sents and for Wed Mat SEE IT AND YOU STILL WON'T SELIEVE IT! Even 7.45, Too & Set Spon Tickets from \$12.50 A some parts - apply E.O. DUCHESS 0171 494 5075 cc 0171 HOW BOOKING TO MARCH 2000 MULTI AWARD WHOMS PLAY COPENHAGEN CAMERIDGE 494 5080/416 8080/344 44/420 0000 (+big lee)Grpc 494 5454 416 60/3/413 3221/436 5588 Dir by MICHAEL BLANGMORE Tabustarity particurances is a mephanical Times Mon-Sat 7.30 Mats Thu & Set 2.30 DARREN DAY & DATE GREASE NOW IN IT'S 67H SENSATIONAL YEAR!

PORTURE BO & CC 0171 B36 Mon-Sal 7:30pm. Wed & Sal Mai 3pm 800KBIG TO THE MELLENGUM KETTLETON COMEDY 8171 359 1731 THE WOMAN IN BLACK SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER by Tennessee Williams With Shella Gish and Rachel Wesz Directed by Sean Mathics Directed by Sean Mathias From 8 April, 14 weeks only Responsing times 2 facts

CHITEHON 389 1737/344 4444 HILANIOUS 400 GREAT YEAR GARRICK D171 484 5085294 4444 (big tes) Gps 0171 494 5454413 3321 7AH EPIC FOR OUR EPOCH E.Ski 7hn Royal Malianel Thesate Production THE REDUCED The Reput Maligned Theater Production
WILLIAM PHILP MARJORE
GALANT WHITCHLINCH YATES SHAKESPEARE COMPANY THE COMPLETE WORKS OF WILLIAM SHAMESPEARE (INTERPRETARE (INTERPRETARE (INTERPRETARE (INTERPRETARE) AND ASSESSED OF HOW STORES TURNING ONLY A SON THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF AMERICA (abridged) Booking M September 98 AN INSPECTOR CALLS THE OF THE MOST INTOXOCATING THEATRICALLY INAGRATIVE EXPERIENCES OF THE 1907 E.Sci.

DOMESTICK (*171 656 1866

BEAUTY

and the beast

71 DAZZING, MAGICAL VERRIG FOR EVERYONE

HIGHLY RECOMMEN Virgin Radio Mos-Sat 7.30,

HOW BOOKING TO FEB 2000

DOMINAR WATEROUSE 300 1752

GOOD

From Thursday Eres 7,30, Thu & Sat Web 3

DRUMY LANE THEATRE ROYAL

MISS SAIGON

IN BRICHAEL PRAYNS

344 4444, Groups (12+) 0171 416 6095/413 3321 PRIEST BEST NEW MUSICAL

MooFa 7.45, Sar 5 & 8.15 Mats Wed 2:30 GELGID 0171 494 5055 MICHAEL PENNINGTON F GROSS INDECENCY The Time Trials of Coop Wide A New Play, NOW PRESTENSING Mon-Set 7,46 Made Wed, Sal 230 p.m.

HEIL SMICHTS THE PRISONER OF SECOND AVENUE FROM 22Nd MARCH HER BALESTYS 24tz 494 5400 Indicisia aaales (000fini) Grie 691 5454413 3311438 5588 AMDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AMARD WINNING BRASCAL 6S or big be 341 7 days 0171 484 3000344 4444/CD 0000 Gros 494 5454/ct3 3311,0570 841 0841 THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Directed by HAMOLD PRINCE
NOW BIGS TO JUNE OP
Even 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00
Apply to Box Office daily for return
and Wed Mat wellability

> LONDON APOLLO Harmonysis DOCTOR DOLITHLE Saring PHILIP SOUPELD THIS IS A SUPERFIE HIT TIV PURE PLEASURE Daily Mail Horte, PUZNOVE, Trany Mean Book, music & lyrics by Lautie Bitzussa Directed by Steven Planfor Tran-Sat 7:30, Male Word, Sat 2:30

Caff B.O. for extra Easter Mats CONDON PALLADIEN 0777 494 SCHOOL AND DIST THE STREET SEA SEASON NIGHT FEVER OF THE WEST TIMES
TREVER IS STALL INFECTIOUS D.Tel
Mod-Set 7:30 Wed & Sel Main 2:30
NOW BOOKING TO OCT 1939
SOME SEATS AVAIL FOR WEST MAT

The state of the second second

EVERUM BCI+CCE/OracioE70 908 3440 0171 416 6030344 4444420 0000 THE SEASON'S SENSATION The Royal Malignal Thanks Production opi Rafoui Thesio Pro Rodow & Hummestein OKLAHOMA!

OKLAHOMA!
Wasser of 4 Lawrente Oblete Assertalec Octobrolog Basical Production
Best Similari - See Standard Armed
TON WHAT A
BEAUTHUL EPPENDER

D. Mall, Sand, Trees, led. otc
Ever 7.30 Mats Wed 6 Sat 2.30
100 standary soun @ 15 hald
18 the day Moo-Thar at 8.0,
14 WEEDS ORLY TO 28 JUNE ANIMAL CRACKERS

The Marx Brothers Musical Con-Previous tont 7.45. Opcor Tono NATIONAL THEATRE BO 0171 452 3000 Grps 0171 45Z 3010 24thr cc bing los 0177 420 0000 OLLVZER Tont (PRESS NIGHT), Tomor 7.00 TROILUS AND CRESSIDA by William 230 & 730, THE RIOT a new play

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 BO 0771 405 0072 or 24913 344 4444 Grps 405 1567/413 5011 THE ANDREW LLOYD WESSERY T.S. EJOT INTERNATIONAL MINARO WIREING MUSICAL CATS

Bres 7.45 Math Tue & Set 9.00

Bers open at 6.45

Good seath avail for Tues Met OLD YIC 0171 464 5272 (C1 hel

DAVID SUCHET Until 17th April *AMADEUS* BY PETER SCHAFFER
NGCHOLAS LE PREVOST
au Saber Pour 19th April
Highly Thausthal & supertry
devicted by PETER HALL Gots
CRACONG NIGHT OUT D.Tall Math World & Std 2-207

> PALACE THEATHE OUT I CALORON CO 2000 (No.) Test (177) SAA AAAA (29 (20) (20) (177) 413 2771 THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR **HISCAL** LES MISERABLES NOW IN ITS 14TH RECORD BREAKING YEAR SHE 7:30 Mais The & Sai 2:30 0:000 SEATS AVAILABLE FOR THURSDAY MATRICE A Limited man of seath arral delay from A.O. for own parliamenances (alectomets not admitted grait the interval

PEACOCK THEATRE ST?! SEE \$22 PERCOUNT PRESENTE 0177 805 8225
SAGATIMANE IN THE WAS EAST
PRESENTED DIRECT CO
PRESENTED BY STORY ESCH
PRESENTED BY STORY STORY
TOPICS ST. S. STORY
TOPICS ST. ST. STORY
TOPICS ST. STO

PHOENEX BOJCC (717) 359 1733 BEST MUSICAL Objection America Page 6 Player for House America WILLI RUSSELLS BLOOD BROTHERS on to its test a roaring its approved to Mail. Exec 7.45 Mets Thurs John Set 4pm

PECCADELY 0171 300 1734 SLAVA'S SNOWSHOW PRINCE OF WALES 9171 SS9 5667 9171 GU UUZ OF 20140 344 4444 73 MASTERVECK OF MUSICAL THEATRE FROM START TO PRISH

WEST SIDE STORY PROFITE EDWARD 0171 447 8400 0578 8401111/0171 344 4444 Berry Ardenson & Born Unesse MAMMA MIA!

SECTI DEXIVE Perchasing purkersences' S.Tors MACRETH by Millians Statespesso Event 20 Mars Sat 2,30

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE STRATFORD 01789 25523 TOP: THE DISPUTE TON: 7.30 LONDON 0171 538 8891 Barblose: From Thu THE LICH, THE WITCH AND THE VARDROBE PIL GOODWIGHT CHILDREN EVERYWHERE Torn 7.15 Young Vic BARTHOLDINES FAIR Tont 7.15

ROYAL COURT Date of York's VALDEVILLE DITT ISS 198 0171 595 5000 cc/20ns 420 0005 Best New Pay Others Amends 1999 THE WKIR 0171 344 4444 (+bkg ho) Aleson Steadhan Samantha Bond Aria Samaliya by Conor Nic Pheneou, Set 7.30 Wed & Set Met 3.30 THE MEMORY OF WATER By Shelegh Stephenson Overclad by Turry Johnson 'DROP-DEAD FURBLY' Express Upstains (Authorsations, West St) TRUST by Gary Mitchell Non-Sat 7.00 (Set Mat 4.00) Mon-Sex Born Mats Thy & Sat Spir

SUFCY THEATRE SITT 556 1856 ACRIAND THE GIN GAME by D.J., Column
dracted by Fath Barbury
'A STLBROWS PROCE OF
THEATRE BORDON Globs
Mich-But 7-45 Mark Thur & Set 3.00
75 PERFS ONLY FROM 30 MAR

SURCE THEUTRE BO DITE 240 118 PROBERT LINESAY IN GELITTERING FORM DURIN The Royal Statempany Compa RICHARD III

\$256FTESESTRY 07000 21 12 21 670 540 171 1/0171 344 4444 (bkg led) TO CELEBRATE Time Out RENT UNFORRETTABLE, EXPLOSIVE SENSATIONAL, SUPERBY Duly Mai MON-Set 7.39, Main Wed, Set 3.00 WOW BOOKING TO 2000

Boo 8, The 245, Se 5 8 0 AGATHA CHRISTTE'S THE MOUSETRAP 47th YEAR

STRAND THEATRE BOX ON & or ino lesi 0171 990 2900 oc fileg feet 0171 364 4444/20 0000 Groups 9771 413 3321/ 0171 436 5566 *BUDDY* The Buildy Holly Story BRELLANT Son *BUDDY* 1000 CERFIL STAFF San Tel Tues-Truss 8.0 Fd 5.30 & 8.30 Sat 5 & 8.30 Sundays 6,000m, Kids 1/2 proce ALL SEATS 1/2 PROCE FRI 6.30 PERF 10th TRILIEPHANT YEAR Cres 1,500 Performances

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, WHEN

WIGMORE SHE NOMINE QUARTET

Nounce: String Curriet in G K387, Chapasconte
winor Op.35, Dwehlib: Guenet in A list Op 105

215, E13, E10, E8

A.30per: Study Alterboon with Roderick Swan WINNER
1996 TONY AWARD BEST PLAY
1997 OLIVIEN AWARD SEST COMEDY
1996 STANDARD AWARD A new play by Yasmana Reza. Turns by Chilatopher Hampton Stunningly billiant and lunny' Tunes. Over 8, Mats Wed 3, Sat & Sun 5 Faldicol Male Voice Chois ANNUAL CONCERT Saturday 20th March Leisure Centre, Caldicot Guest Artist
SHAN COTHI (Sopramo)
Compere; ROBIN JONES (S.A.C.
Under the Choirs Musical Director SIÂN HATTON

Super: Study Afterboon with Roderick Swaneboon 27 (55)
CRARLES ROSEIN peans
MICHAEL THOMAS violin, JACQUELINE THOMAS calls
Hoyde: Plane Trie in C HAVY-27; Plane Tho in E HXV-28, Plane Trie in E HXV-28, Plane Trie in E HXV-28, Plane Trie in E HXV-29, Plane Trie in E HXV-MICEA RUBACKYTE peans
Back/Plascall: Chaconine in D immor from Violin Pertils No 4
Back/Plascall: Chaconine in D immor from Violin Pertils No 4
Back/Plascall: Chaconine in D immor from Violin Pertils No 4
Back/Plascall: Chaconine Schumspart Carsteval Op. 3
E14, C12, C10, E7
Spontanted by the Muserut Hit Bookshop
E14, C12, C10, E7
Spontanted by the Muserut Hit Bookshop
Carthermer Kindi mezzo sopranc Charles Damiell Stenor
JACOS HERMICHAN III. After de Cour – T7th-Carshary
Freinich Courtly Alex. Music by Bessetd, Moulinid. Boesset
E14, C12, C10, C7
In association with Linn Records
STEMISH DOOGSON 75TH EIRTHDAY CONCERT J. Williams,
R. Stallman, M. Cole, B. Roberts, A. Roberts, N. Roberts,
Music by Depleyson, Ramsey, Leclair, Bestrouer, Bech and Broswer
E16, C14, E12, C2
Scattled by the Hinchese & Hotst Foundations & Musicans' Union
SCHWEREE
Entry Marie & Barmonia Select
Entry Marie & Barmonia Select SOWERRE
BIONICA HUGGETT dractor, volen
The Four Seasons, Christopher Simpson (c.1605-1659): The
Moutes, Vivalid: The Four Socions
Francesca McMan
Schumanns Seri C16, C14, E12, C8

Francesce McManus

LUSA MELNE soprano
Softwaren Berten
SARAH CORNOLLY mezzo soprano: DARREL NORMAN Isono
MARNOLS WERRAR Exitons; JULIUS DRAME patro
Schwarens: Minneaped CD 1011, Spanischoe Ledemped CD 74
E16, C13, C10, E8
Supported by Dr Nari Wompachoustic
JEPUSALEM GUARTIET
Haydr: String Cuarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op.78 No 4 Surress
Shootstandelic Quarter in 8 feet Op. 91291 428375 or 91633 880621

ART GALLERIES

___Carres

Ticker C.

ART

CONCERTS

9

MALCOLM INNES GALLERY "All the King's Horses and all the King's Mea" -XIII

13th ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF MILITARY PICTURES Thursday, 11th March -Friday 19th March 1999



Open: Mon - Fri 10-6, Sat 10-2 Lady Butler, Henry Martens, Orlando Norie, Richard Simkin and "Snaffles"

at 7 Bury Street, St James's, London, SWIY 6AL Tel: 0171 839 8083/4 Fax: 8085 Please send for illustrated Catalogue

Uncle Sam falls out with his buddies

The US and Europe are at

odds over more than bananas

urope's relations with the United States have become awkward and Tensions range from trade, via currencies, to defence. So there is a discordant note about the 50th anniversary of the Atlantic Community, to be marked by a grand summit in Washington next month following the enlarge-ment of Nato to include the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland. The genuine reasons for celebration are qualified by doubts about the future of the transatlantic alliance.

Attitudes have also been oured by several unrelated incidents, minor in themselves but highly emotive — the acquintal in a military court of the American pilot responsible for severing the cable of a skl gondola in northern Italy which resulted in the death of 20 people, and the execution of an German citizen in Arizona. Moreover, the escalation of the long-running dispute over bananas is being depicted as the start of a full-blown trade war. Such American behaviour is seen by some in Europe as a symptom of what the political scientist Samuel Huntingdon has called a rogue superpower

During the Cold War, each event would have been played down or more easily contained. But the disappearance of the Soviet threat has allowed differences to surface in a more damaging way. The

current malaise is in this lengthy adjustment to the post-Cold War world. Americans and

Europeans both have ambivalent attitudes. Washington has always favoured closer Eurointegration but is apprehensive when it starts to Europe wants a stronger collective voice and role of its own, yet has often been ineffective and depends

on US military power. American support for a larger European role has partly been in the name of burden-sharing — that is. more money and troops from this side of the Atlantic. How-

ever. Washington became alarmed last autumn when Tony Blair's proposals for giving credibility to the European Union's common foreign and security policy were fol-lowed by the British-French declaration at St Malo about giving Europe a capacity to act on its own where the US might not wish to deploy troops. The Americans were partly

concerned by what they saw as a lack of full consultation beforehand, especially by London, and by some of the "Euro" language involved. Their main worries were over decoupling — that is. Nato being undermined by a separate European caucus - and the possibility of discrimination against those European members of Nato who are not members of the EU, chiefly Turkey and Norway as well as the three new entrants. The Americans feared that the British were going along with a French desire to create a separate European security structure. Perversely, that would suit the growing group in the US Congress that would like Europe largely to look after its own defence, with

America merely as a back-up while it concentrates on the rest of the world. The British Government

mounted an immediate campaign of reassurance that Nato would remain at the centre of European security and that there was no intention of creating a European army, nor of creating any decision-making role for the European Commission or European Parliament in military matters. London's close links with Washington were demonstrated shortly afterwards when Britain was the only European country to join the US in attacking Iraq. This was seen in France as contradicting the spirit of the St Malo declaration and demonstrat-ing yet again the reluctance of the British to commit themselves fully to Europe, an echo of de Gaulie's reasons for the original veto against British membership in 1963.

As George Robertson, one of the Cabiner's successes, noted in his Interview with The Times last Tuesday, the British aim is less to change institutions than to improve Europe's defence capabilities. At present, few European troops can be deployed quickly to somewhere such as the Balkans and few aircraft can undertake precision bombing. That gap is filled by the

However, last Thursday's debate in the House of Representatives revealed widespread misgivings about the com-

mitment of troops to Kosovo in a peacekeeping role, although it was narrowly approved. Ko-sovo provides the severest test both of Nato's new role -and the revised "strategic concept" to be discussed in Washington - and of the European con-

tribution. If the talks which restart today fail, Nato planes may be attacking Serbia before Easter. This defence debate is

matched by the ambivalent US attitude towards the euro, now that it has become a reality. Washington supports the idea. provided Europe remains outward-looking and does not become protectionist. (Europeans can, of course, turn that point around against growing protectionism in the US.) The Americans want to avoid a "fortress Europe", either economically or strategically, stressing enlargement to the east and that barriers should not be erected to Turkey.

ony Blair is typical of postwar British leaders in being torn. He sees more clearly than most of his predecessors that Britain's future lies in Europe and that talk of a fifty-first state or an independent global role is nonsense. But he retains an affinity with the Americans, both in their economic attitudes and on most foreign policy issues.

Yet as American policymak-ers often point out. Britain's influence in Washington is directly dependent on the extent to which it is involved in the EU. Hence Britain risks marginalising itself doubly by standing aside from Europe, and from the euro.

peter.riddell@the-times.co.uk



Oskar starved to death

hy did Oskar Lafon-taine resign? There was, no doubt, more than a touch of the George Brown or, for that matter, the Gordon Brown resentment. He was a frustrated candidate for the leadership, beaten by someone he thought was the more superficial man, who had a better touch with the public. He is probably also something of a manic depressive, as many leading politicians are; mild manic depression is a condition favourable to success in politics. No doubt he felt frustrated to see Gerhard Schröder as Chancellor, a man he considers to have no core beliefs, let alone socialist ones. Yet, even so, why did he resign?

The answer struck me at lunchtime on Saturday. We were having family lunch at Ston Easton Park, a beautiful Palladian house in Somer-set. We lived there until 1978; it is now a first-class country house hotel, complete with an 18th-century ghost and a wide-ranging wine list. We go there to celebrate family occasions with children and grandchildren. We sat down at the table at Il on Saturday: some are vegetarians, most were eating roast beef. one was eating chicken.

A finance minister, any finance minister, has a meal to eat. He, or she, has two implements of policy, the budget and the interest rate, like a knife and a fork on his plate. Using both the knife and the fork in a co-ordinated way, he can get the food into his mouth. Without the knife, he cannot cut the meat; without the fork, he cannot eat the peas. Vegetarians can just about manage with a fork only, but beef-eaters cannot.

Like us, there are 11 finance ministers sitting at the euro-table. They all have their own forks; they have control of their national budgets and can push the food around the plate, or into their own everopen mouths, as Gordon Brown did the other day. Unfortunately for them, there is only one euro-knife; that is not in front of them but in the hands of the butter, who cuts their food, beef, chicken or vegetarian, into the same size pieces, as suits his fancy. The finance ministers of euroland have no influence on interest rates; if they dare so much as to ask the butler for a loan of the knife, he gives them a stern look and sends them to the back of the queue. The meal is not a happy one: the euro-hotel is not recommended. Oskar Lafontaine did not resign

Why European finance ministers all

face the same fate as knifeless diners

just because he detests Gerhard Schröder, though undoubtedly he does. He did not resign simply because he has some very foolish ideas about policy, though he does. He resigned out of frustration, because he could not do his job. In his view the German economy urgently requires lower interest rates, if it is to avoid recession. He may well be right. Germany has a high-cost, high-unemployment, lowgross economy. He was undoubtedy wrong to want to put up industrial costs still

further, but probably right to want the European Central Bank to cut rates. All he got was a contemptuous rejection by Wim Duisenberg, who was not having anyone as unimportant, as irrelevant, as the ing to tell the ECB what its interest rates ought to be.

The separation of the treasury and Central Bank functions makes the job of finance ministers impossible. How does it work in

countries where there is an independent central bank, such as the United States and, now, Britain? The answer is co-ordination. The Treasury and the Bank of England, the US Treasury and the Federal Reserve, do indeed have independent powers, but they have a common objective of economic success and are under common pressures of opinion, democracy and the national interest. They are continuously involved in consultation and joint projects. They are like a diner who has a fork in his left hand and a knife in the right; left and right hands work together to eat the meal. Oskar Lafontaine had already

drawn the correct conclusion from this, a conclusion that has long been shared by British Eurosceptics with the majority of European statesmen, such as Chancellor Kohl. Eleven forks and one knife will not work. The choice is between 11 forks and 11 knives, or one European fork

and one European knife - in short, a single European government.
Only one set of people any longer
pretend that II plus one is workable.
They are the British promoters of joining the euro, and they, to be frank, are lying through their teeth. A single currency can only work if

there is a single government.
This proposition was clear to
Oskar Lafontaine, which was why he was advocating tax harmonisation and political integration. He had come to realise that his job was impossible. In this

respect, nothing has been changed by his resignation; the German Government is still committed to integration, Finance Minister's job is still impossi-Eichel, perhaps a. political nonentity, though still a euro-

The departure of Lafontaine is not the victory for Chancellor Schröder that has been claimed.

Heads of government who lose their finance ministers are usually damaged and often destroyed by it. Margaret Thatcher was damaged politically by Nigel Lawson's resignation, far more than by Geoffrey Howe's speech. Although they shared responsibility for the 1992 exchange-rate fiasco, John Major was further damaged when he dismissed Norman Lamont in 1994. Schröder's Red-Green coalition seems now to be holed below the waterline. Germans detest weak leadership: Schröder looks like an indecisive leader, a political fixer rather than a statesman. It was, in the end, Lafontaine who found that he could not go on with Schröder,

not the other way round.

Downing Street, whose all-spin band has become a laughable feature of modern British politics. also claimed victory, as it always does. Alastair Campbell would claim victories for the West Indies

Downing Street. In fact, the Lafontaine resignation has checked the apparently triumphant march of European social democracy, and that of the euro itself. The glory days are over, at least in Germany; they lasted only a few brief months.

Wim Duisenberg may be said to have won. Germany is euroland's biggest and most powerful economy; Oskar Lafontaine was not only the Finance Minister, but the chairman of the ruling party. He, and not Chancellor Schröder, was the lead-ing figure of the German Left Duisenberg and the European Central Bank were able not only to reject his demand for a lower interest rate, but to do so with contempt.

There is a price to pay, even for that victory. Germany needs lower interest rates, as indeed does Italy. The ECB has demonstrated that it will not run the euro for the benefit even of Europe's most powerful economy. The euro is a solipsistic currency, existing for its own sake, not for the economic welfare of the Il nations, either collectively or individually. The sacred euro-knifemust be burnished and beautiful; it is too good to be used to cut meat.

efore the single currency even began, the Maas-tricht treaty was a great destroyer of European politicians. The currency issue brought down Margaret Thatcher. Maas tricht destroyed John Major and inflicted the worst election defeat for 165 years on the Conservatives. The preparations for the single currency turned out sitting governments all over Europe, in France repeatedly, in Italy perhaps — though corrup-tion confuses that record — and

finally in Germany. Now we know that the logic of Maastricht is working its havoc through the single currency. Those of us who always argued that Maastricht would destroy the power of governments to manage their national economies now see it happening in euroland. Germany needs lower interest rates, Germany cannot have them: Lafontaine goes, the cure sails on, though looking somewhat seedy. The euro is the black spot of European politics. Who will be next to receive it? Gerhard Schröder himself, very probably. Lionel Jospin, more than possibly. In the end, I suspect, we shall see the black spot on the political tombstone of Tony Blair himself.

cricket team if Brian Lara was in comment@the-times.co.uk



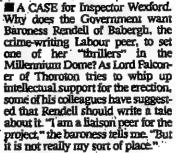
Mayor's muscle

AS LENNOX LEWIS mulls over AS LENNOX LEWIS mults over life's little injustices, his manager is hitting the campaign trail. Frank Maloney, now negotiating a remarch for his bruised charge, wants to run for mayor of London, and hopes to wheel out Lewis to fight his corner for him. fight his corner for him.
"I want to stand as a notally

independent non-politician Londoner," says Maloney, who plans to devote six months to fighting Livingstore, Archer et al. But what role might Lewis play? "I think he could be very useful in certain community sections, the quixotic Cockney offers, with the diplomacy of an instinctive politician.

SHAKESPEARE out of love. Trudi Styler - Mrs Sting (below left) -has asked the cast of Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels to play Romeo and Juliet at the Globe on Saturday, Ethan Hawke and Jack Dee will also be doing their bit for Trudi's Tibetan peace garden. Vinnie Jones (below right) is still





WHEN Sean Connery complains. people listen. Coughing and wheezing in a Heathrow drawing room. Connery muttered that his chosen airline could do with a no-smoking lounge. By the next day, one had been created.

#JIM DAVIDSON, MP. This challenging prospect is being float-ed by desperate types in Central Office who think that the boorish, ly elected to the arch-Tory Carlton Club, could boost party morale.

化化化铁工业的复数形式

1.00

 $(a,b) = \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{2} Q_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$

10 10g 电电路电路

1.00 1880 1880 1880

The American

· 在一部的 · 基础

 $(\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}})^{-1} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}} \cdot (\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}})^{-1} + \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}} \cdot (\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}})^$

 $2^{m+2m}\chi(m)/2^{m}\theta$

Burn Barrell

Company of

AND THE WAY SET IN

And Court Services

Principal Spinish or

र अधिक - सुनुबन्धः

The second second section in the second section is a second section of the second section in the second section is a second section of the second section in the second section is a second section of the second section in the second section is a second section of the second section in the second section is a second section of the second section of the second section is a second section of the second section of the second section is a second section of the second section of the second section is a second section of the section of the

 $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \right) = \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \right) \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \right) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \right) + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{i}}{\partial x_{i}} \right) \right)$

Adubious result worsers bern

ON THE RO

in the same

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

the ways

Commence of the Section

The part state

Design of the second of the se

The state of the s

The second secon The state of the s

 $(\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}) = \{ \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}}^{-1} \mathbf{r}_{\mathcal{A}} \}$

A Commentage

San Park Base 1988.

the track to the take

العوارة العراق والارات

1 Towns

1.77 N.B.T

100

afet !

-

A september

李紫

1

Section 2

10000

E 12

es tre

4 7

1

22 July 18

-3.

2.0

37270 (1999)

All Street

 $\approx \varepsilon_{\rm sec} \cdot \varepsilon_{\rm sec} \, .$

 $k(f_{n}^{(j)}, \gamma_{j}) \in \mu_{n,j}$

Control of the second

The Production

14 C. 250

B. Tung

Res Carrier

And the second

(,,

≥6

"I can see why the Labour Party might want me to stand - it wouldn't work," Davidson tells me. "MPs are expected to be saints. which wouldn't suit me. Soon we will be left with trainspotters in the Commons." He adds, charmingly: They would catch me shagging or something within a week."

CHRIS SMITH is tiring of Islington council, home to generations of feuding Labourites. Asked by his local boat club to lobby for more borough funds, Smith attested that they are a very efficiently run organisation", noting: "By comparison with the borough council ... they provide real value."



MICHAEL PORTILLO'S interest in Wagner was cultivated in office. Michael Stern, the former MP, remembers labouring with Portillo over the Finance Bill in 1994 (the bequiffed one was Chief Secretary to the Treasury). "He said politics reminded him of Parsifal. hose spear kept coming back."

SIR PAUL McCARTNEY, recovering from the death of his wife, is feeling karmic: he is campaigning to release a Tibetan from a Chinese jail. Ngawang Choepel was given 18 years for collecting Tibetan folk music: McCartney has written to him, lobbied the Chinese Government and met his mother.

RIGHT to Roam meant little to Stanley Kubrick. As Hollywood's finest assembled for the director's funeral at Childwickbury Manor. his Hertfordshire country estate, a neighbour told me that locals had been incensed by Kubrick slapping a "private property" sign at the end of an ancient public bridleway: "He was a complete pain."

JASPER GERARD

The trouble with glasnost was that once people felt freer, once everything was out in the open, Gorbachev got the blame for it' man who betrayed his past, who

1991 Mikhail Gorbachev, the last General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, had already been consigned to the pleasures of the international lecture circuit by his rival. Boris Yeltsin. It is fairly clear who got the better deal. Today that very lecture circuit brings a slick, reinvented, elder-statesman-style Gorbachev to King's College, Cambridge, and a symposium called Russia on the Eve of a

This is, of course, the dream event for those who love to speculate on the future of Russia as though it is something that must be resolved once and for all and, fortunately for Mikhail Sergeyevich, the audience will be mostly non-Russian. For back in the former USSR he would be hard pushed to find any audience for his ruminations.

Here he is still loathed as a

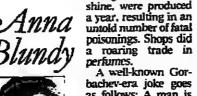
sold the Soviet Union to the West for a few dollars and who let his country disintegrate before his eyes. In the mid-1980s, while Gorbymania gripped the Eng-lish-speaking world, Russians were wondering where the booze had gone. Although there are many and complex reasons for Gorbachev's lack of popularity at home, for he will always be someone who destroyed rather than created, the thing that Russians hold against him more

than anything else is his appall-ingly miscalculated prohibition. Despite the fact that he could easily have thrust himself forward as a man of the people in the Yeltsin mould (born to a peasant family in 1931, the very year his village was collectivised. he worked the fields, lost relatives to purges and wars and worked his way painstakingly up the party ladder in Stavropol),

this mistake set him apart from them.

and Gorbachev seemed to have hit upon what was (and in fact still is) the problem with the Soviet Union. "Our rockets can find Halley's comet and reach Venus," he said. "But our fridges don't course, the rockets are not up to much, either.

Alcohol, he droided. was at the root of the problem, and the man who became known as the "mineral water secretary" rather than the General Secretary clamped down on it with a vengeance. Opening hours for shops seiling alcohol were curtailed and queues stretched around the block. Alcohol was about Stalin. The trouble with banned from official receptions and 150 million decilitres of



A well-known Gorbachev-era joke goes as follows: A man is waiting in line for vodka. After four hours, he says "OK, I've had enough of this. I'm going to the Kremlin to kill Gor-

bachev. A few hours later, he comes back to resume his place in the queue, "So? Did you kill him?" ask his fellow queuers. "No. The queue to do that was even longer," he sighs.

glasnost was that once people felt

exposing it. The telling thing is that there were any Gorbachev-era jokes. There were never any jokes

freer, once everything was out in the open. Gorbachev got the blame for it. Suddenly the theatres were

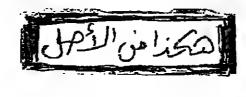
producing plays about Stalinist were being uncovered, the world was told about the Chernobyl disaster, dissidents told stories of their exile. imprisonment and torture, the huge-scale corruption of party bosses and the unimagined privileges of the elite were revealed. And the sterich of all this rot, with which Gorbachev was barely associated, stuck to the very man who wished to dispense with it by

Also, as far as cultured Russians were concerned, the guy was a fake. He had cleaned up his Russian and you could almost be tooled into believing that he was an intelligent, but every now and then his southern peasant twang would slip out

and intellectuals would fall about sniggering at the country boy who pretended to be a gentleman. Even today you only word "to begin" at a dinner party and people will laugh at your witty imitation. He was saved from acquiring such a blemish in the West by his brilliant English interpreter, who singlehandedly made his employer seem a worthy bantering partner for Clive Anderson.

Mikhail Gorbachev is adored by the West partly because America sets so much store by freedom of speech. In Russia, it was always joked that Gor-bachev failed to provide food, clothing, security and the continuation of a way of life, but he managed to provide freedom of speech. "But the thing is, most of us didn't have anything to say."

comment@the-times.co.uk





EXCESS LOAD

The Budget has hit the road haulage industry too hard

IRANIAN OVERTURE

The West should listen to Iran's new young democratic voices

The Government's 1998 Comprehensive Spending Review described Britain's transport system as "overcrowded, underplanned and under-maintained". Since public investment in transport accounted for only 20 per cent of the £38 billion it was then raising in fuel and other road taxes, some may see that as unsurprising. Although rail freight has grown since privatisation, road transport takes most of the strain of moving goods and people around this country. Road haulage carries four fifths of all freight, an annual 1.65 billion tonnes of goods. A Budget supposedly geared to promote enterprise and improve Britain's competitiveness would not therefore, it might be thought, impose further steep taxes on a road haulage industry which already pays many times more for vehicle licences and fuel than its continental competitors. Yet that is what this year's Budget, whose fiscal complexi-ties become daily more apparent, will do.

Gordon Brown sugared the pill with some headline-catching "green" gestures, cutting vehicle excise taxes for "clean" buses and small vans as well as small cars. But the great bulk of haulage operations continues to be burdened with taxes that are many times continental levels; and for 38-tonne heavy goods vehicles, the workhorses of Britain's most competitive fleets, licences will now rise from £3,310 to £5,750 a year. The EU average tax in this class is £1.100 — and £459 in France. The industry has also been hard-hit by the Budget's 14 per cent increase in tax on diesel, which raises the cost of filling a 1,000-litre lorry tank to £644, compared with £340 in Belgium and £370 in France.

The costs will be borne not only by the 53,000 who, according to today's leading

Iran presents two faces to the world. One

still bears the hard features of Ayatollah

Khomeini, deeply reactionary and visceral-

ly hostile to the West. The other is of a

people sick of isolation and the corrupt

medievalism of Iran's theocratic experi-

ment. This other face is represented by

President Mohammad Khatami, whose

trips to Italy last week and France next

month are the first visits by an Iranian

leader to Europe in the two decades since

the Islamic revolution. Mr Khatami is not

yet master in the divided Iranian house.

But his overtures to the West reflect real

changes in Iran; and its spirited grassroots

The travels in the West of this relatively

movement deserves to be taken seriously.

liberal cleric follow an electoral triumph

last month for the liberalisers he leads at

home. In local elections, they swept in their

thousands into municipal councils and

mayors' seats, creating new power bases

for the young and outward-looking, nota-

bly including women. This ballot-box

revolt against the forces of Islamist

reaction has not unseated them yet. But it

has put them increasingly on the defensive.

won the presidency two years ago he has

chipped at the power bases of Iran's

hardline supreme leader. Ayatollah Ali

Khamenei, with growing success. He has

had few weapons but the moral authority

born of his huge popularity, but he has

used that in the causes of tolerance, free

speech and greater accountability. Earlier

this year, he forced the hitherto untoucha-

ble intelligence ministry to concede its

responsibility for the mysterious murders

of prominent intellectuals; and on Satur-

day, secular Iranian writers who have been

shunned or persecuted for two decades

were publicly honoured. The elections

added to his successes, returning to politics

Abdollah Nouri, a liberal former Interior

Minister forced from office by the die-

hards. The 70 per cent of popular support

that Mr Khatami commands suggests that

the conservatives' grip on their strongholds

in parliament, the judiciary, the police and

The heavyweight division has long symbol-

ised the decline of professional boxing as a

sport. Two decades ago, it was dominated

by athletes whose personalities matched

their biceps. The 1970s saw Muhammad

Ali's improbable and memorable triumph

over George Foreman and, 12 months

later, his astonishing victory over Joe

Frazier in the Philippines. Since then the

number of "official" world boxing organisa-

tions has multiplied. The division has more

titles than a Ruritanian aristocrat; and

more does not mean better. In the absence

of any other boxing giant, the sport has

become dangerously dependent on Mike

Tyson — the triumph of psychopathy over

With Tyson once again a reluctant guest

of the American penal system, it was up to

Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis to

restore heavyweight boxing's long-lost

glory. Their encounter at Madison Square

Garden New York City was promoted as

the last significant fight of the 20th century.

In the event, this putative heir to the

"rumble in the jungle" and the "thriller in

Manila" turned out to be "unfair in the

Square". Despite a clearly commanding

performance by Lewis that left Holyfield

desperate for the final bell, the three judges

personality.

At government level, since Mr Khatami

letter to The Times, could lose their jobs between now and the next general election; they will be felt throughout business and industry, because they will drive up costs overall. These imposts come, moreover, on top of road and fuel duty increases since 1997 which, before this Budget, were already due to net the Treasury an extra £8.7 billion by 2001-02.

If Gordon Brown was motivated by green ambitions and believed that the impact would be to shift haulage to rail, he should have thought more carefully. The combination of just-in-time deliveries and gaps in the rail networks means that there is no workable substitute for efficient road transport; it makes little sense, therefore, to put British operators at the mercy of foreign competitors whose costs are considerably lower. Thanks to the single market, the biggest companies have an alternative: they can register their fleets abroad, as many now plan to do. That is harder for small operators which primarily serve the domestic market and would find re-registration too expensive. The exponential increase in the numbers of foreign lorries entering Britain shows how effectively they are being undercut. Either way, the Government will lose tax revenues, and British people will lose employment.

The Government should think again. Business has already been the biggest loser from Labour's people-friendly Budgets. The new Budget's "business-friendly" measures, aimed at helping small businesses, are so complex that the chief beneficiaries are likely to be accountants. Clarity about ends and simplicity of approach used to be accounted virtues in Chancellors; the road haulage taxes offer a good example of the abiding need for both.

parts of the army could also be shaken in

Iran today is Islamic, but almost

"post-Islamist". It is a land in intellectual

ferment. Iranians are hooked up to the

Internet. They go to pop festivals. Women

passionately defend their right to play

sports. More than half are much too young

to recall the 1979 revolution. They want

jobs and enough money to marry; they

chafe at petty religious persecution and

detest the corruption that, along with a

US-led trade boycott, has crippled a country with the world's second largest

reserves of natural gas and fourth largest

of oil. Mr Khatami has won them over with

his advocacy of a more tolerant society,

respect for law and, not least, economic

The West, as Washington constantly

reminds Europeans, still has solid reasons

to be wary of the Iranian regime, including

its efforts to acquire nuclear weapons and

support for international terrorism. But it

is too simplistic to see Mr Khatami's

foreign overtures as no more than an

attempt to drive a wedge between the US

and its more accommodating EU allies.

The danger of backsliding is ever present.

But he has distanced Iran from terrorism,

accepted the right of Palestinians to make

peace with Israel, and dissociated his

Government from the fatwa against

Salman Rushdie. The West should do all it

If Mr Khatami continues to modernise,

and if he can keep the promises he has

made, there is a case for easing the US

trade embargo. Imposed two decades ago,

it may be too blunt an instrument for the

subtler realities of today. Sanctions comfort

the powerful handful of Iranians who still

label America "the Great Satan"; and if the

President is to outflank them, he urgently

needs to revive the economy. That will

require foreign investment as well as the

domestic reforms which Mr Khatami is

trying to implement. As Margaret Thatch-

er famously said of Mikhail Gorbachev, he

somehow produced a draw. Obviously

This has done nothing to redeem the

tattered reputation of boxing. Lest this be

considered partisan sour grapes, the

comments of almost the entire American

press can be entered as supporting

evidence. The words of the New York Post

sum up US sentiment. Lewis, it said, had

beaten Holyfield "from here to London -

with stop-offs in Jamaica and Canada

along the way - and back again". The

basic statistics of the contest, in terms of

punches thrown and landed, would appear

This distinctly dubious result was a

miserable conclusion to a fight which itself

was scarcely worthy of the attention. It

should have produced an undisputed

heavyweight champion of the world but

even if it had, the pre-eminence of Ali,

Foreman and Frazier would not have been

dented. The various bodies responsible for

boxing should ensure a swift rematch and

natural justice suggests that it should be

held in London. Boxing has become a

controversial activity, a huge and highly

commercialised audience-puller but no

longer the sport it once was. It cannot

afford more embarrassment.

to confirm that analysis.

there will now be a lucrative rematch.

could be a man to do business with.

ON THE ROPES

A dubious result worsens boxing's dire reputation

can to encourage further change.

recovery aided by new Western ties.

legislative elections next year.

PETER AGAR IAIN HANFORD

CHRIS HUMPHRIES (British Chambers of Commerce), RICHARD MACDONALD (National Farmers' Union). STEVEN NORRIS (Road Haulage Association). Freight Transport Association, Hermes House, St John's Road,

From Mr Bernard Jenkin, MP for Essex North (Conservative)

Sir. The Budget kept vehicle excise times the level of many other EU countries. Large trucks registered and operated in the UK are now completely uncompetitive with their EU counterparts. Registering 50 trucks abroad would save the operator some £600,000 per year in VED and fuel

The Road Haulage Association has set up a service that took 700 inquiries on the first day from truckers asking about registering on the Continent. The same number of trucks will be run. They will simply burn foreign fuel and pay foreign taxes. Smaller companies that cannot re-register will

port Minister Glenda Jackson said: moving to the UK and using it as a base for their operations" (House of Commons Official Report: European Standing Committee A, March 10, col 8). "We perceive haulage firms from mainland Europe moving their operations Into this country" (ibid, col 9). She can only mean that they are coming here with foreign-registered trucks and cheap foreign fuel to mop up the UK competition.

that industry, we announced a review

policy must be reversed.

House of Commons.

Uganda and Sudan

From the Charge d'Affaires ai

Sir. Your editorial about the barbaric murders of eight Western tourists in Uganda, "Death in Uganda: a successful African state with very dangerous borders" (March 3), refers to Sudan as a supporter of some of the rebel movements opposing the Uganda

The Ugandan Government under Museveni has attempted to destabilise every one of its neighbours with the exception of Tanzania. Sudan does not harbour or support any of the Ugandans that have chosen to militarily oppose the regime in their country. If Uganda has dangerous borders, they would appear to be

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

costs condemned

From Mr David Green, Director General of the Freight Transport Association, and others

Sir, Among the many omissions in the Chancellor's Budget speech was a reference to the massive increase imposed on diesel fuel. Prices in this country are already twice as high as the highest in Europe, and while the theory behind the fuel duty escalator - by which duty rises by a set percentage each year - may be impeccable, there is no evidence that it has actually delivered any environ-

mental benefits. Add to this a vehicle excise duty which is 11 times higher here than in France and it is not surprising that hundreds of transport operators are actively seeking to register their vehicles abroad.

There is evidence that the huge differences in transport taxation levels between the UK and the rest of Eurone will generate more job losses than would result if the Longbridge car plant, Birmingham, were to close. Statistics compiled by the Centre for Economic and Business Research, published on February 12, show that a total of 53,000 jobs will disappear from the transport and related support industries by 2002 unless current transport taxation policies are chang-

We have a vital interest in the competitiveness of British Industry. Distribution is a significant element of manufactured costs and the Chancellor should recognise that Tuesday's Budget has not only failed to improve our ability to compete but has actually made matters worse.

Yours faithfully, DAVID C. GREEN, (Confederation of British Industry). (Federation of Small Businesses) DAVID HIGGINBOTTOM (United Road Transport Union), Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 9UZ. March 12.

Speaking after the Budget, Trans-'Many foreign hauliers ... are now

When the Conservatives discovered that high whisky duty was damaging that led to cuts in whisky duties in our

last two Budgets. No other EU country has a fuel escalator. The Government's present

Yours faithfully, BERNARD JENKIN (Shadow Minister of Transport).

largely of its own making.

Yours faithfully. A. Al KORONKY, Sudan Embassy, 3 Cleveland Row, St James's, SWIA IDD. March 5.

Budget rise in fuel Fight to end female circumcision For this reason, educational efforts

From Colonel Patrick Montgomery

Sir, Having worked with people concerned about female genital mutilation (FGM) for the past 35 years. I was glad to read your admirable leading article "Tradition and torture" (March 6) and in particular the importance you attach to education. A Sudanese gynaecologist who had,

ever since he qualified, fought to eradicate FGM at risk to his career, because of what it had done to his sister, told me in 1978 that FGM had not the approval of any medical or religious authority, though none had yet condemned it. Neither the World Health Organisation nor Unicef had yet dared openly to oppose it. At that time it was left to a single non-governmental organisation (NGO). Wisely, in 1979 that NGO delegated the task (together with the means and the knowhow) to a group of African women. That group is now running educational pilot projects in 25 African countries, with their govern-ments' approval.

Educational work must be based on an understanding of why the practice continues to exercise so strong a hold. Willing acceptance on the part of women constitutes a formidable barrier to change. Where society demands that a man shall marry a girl only if she has been "done", it will take great determination to refuse. No man will marry an uncircumcised girl and society will have no place for her unmarried.

Women's writing

From Mrs Gillian Petrie Hunter

Sir, It's all very well for established women writers and publishers to sneer at Mslexia (report, "New magazine for women not the write stuff", March 8). However, Debbie Taylor, its editor, is surely right about the paper ceiling which prevents many women, who may be talented but not sufficiently persistent, from getting into print

in your report, magazine publisher Sally O'Sullivan said: "Successful writers aren't that helpful when it comes to giving advice . . . " I would go further and say that there is a general discouragement by British agents and publishers of new writing, whether by women or men.

Years ago, when I worked in publishing. I had to rescue the incoming manuscripts from the sole arbitration of the office junior heaven knows how many Iris Murdochs and Doris Lessings we had turned down! Judging by some of the baffling rejection letters I see today as March 11.

writer and editor, I am fairly sure matters have not improved. Whether or not it is happily named, I wish

Yours faithfully,

Sir, I did indeed say to your reporter that I disliked the title of the magazine Mslexia, but I also explained at some length that I believed the magazine may have an educational role to play in supporting women's writing and that I do believe subtle discrimination against women in the literary world

Laptops for teachers

From the Secretary of State for Education and Employment

you speculated that every teacher would have a free laptop computer as a result of the Budget (see also letters, March 11). In fact, while there is a substantial input of new money planned for computers, it was not correct to say that it would mean a free laptop for every teacher. The £470 million UK-wide programme will mean a network of learning centres for both adults and young people to improve access to information technology and to raise computer literacy

We have provided £20 million to offer low-cost loans to enable teachers to buy computers and a further £15 million to offer less well-off homes the chance to lease recycled and refurbished computers at low cost. Both initiatives will help to raise standards and ensure we bridge the gap between the computer "haves and have nots".

This money is in addition to the extra El.1 billion for schools (which should reach schools if their local authority uses money for education for that purpose) and in addition to extra money from the Standards

Dressed for success?

From Mr George Webb Sir. As the TV camera panned along

the serried ranks of backbench MPs at Wednesday's PMQs, for the first time ever I could not be sure if I was watching Tory, Labour or other MPs. The government benches now display uniformly immaculately suited and groomed Labour MPs; a far cry from the homely corduroys and red ties of a bygone era (apart from Dennis Skinner, that is). They are

Sincerely GEORGE WEBB, 11 Long Hill Rise, Hudenall, Nottingham NGI5 6GL

Winning chess

indeed a credit to us all.

Forward with new Labour.

From Mr Steve Astbury Sir. The most astonishing point about

the German chess computer cheat (report, March 12) is that the computer could checkmate a grandmaster in eight moves. I thought that this only ever happened to me.

Yours faithfully. STEVE ASTBURY, 13 Old Road. Chesterfield, Debyshire S44 5HS. deltaroofingdist@htinternet.com March I2.

Once the taboo is broken it should surely not be too difficult to persuade young men that depriving a woman of her clitoris is depriving her of her ability to respond sexually.

PATRICK MONTGOMERY. The Oast House, Framfield Road, Buxted, East Sussex TN22 4PP. March 7.

need to focus on the attitudes of men.

From Mr Leslie James

Sir, I was enormously impressed and gratified to read Sue Fox's interview with Waris Dirie (Magazine, March 6). I served as a Commandant of Police in the Sudan while it was an Anglo-Egyptian Condominium and well remember the passing of an ordinance to outlaw female circumcision. But, even then, a criminal prosecution could not be instituted without the consent of the Advocate-General, and I cannot recall any charge being preferred during my term of office.

Waris Dirie deserves our unremitting praise for her courageous stand.

Yours faithfully, LESLIE JAMES, 47 Bradwell Road Longthorpe, Peterborough PE3 9PY.

Mslexia well.

G. V. J. PETRIE HUNTER. Hunterston, Donhead St Andrew, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9EB.

From Ms Michèle Roberts

and the media world persists.

This would seem to be borne out by your report, which gives only hostile reactions to Mslexia and omits any favourable ones.

Yours faithfully, MICHELE ROBERTS. 109 Queens Quay, 58 Upper Thames Street, EC4V 3EJ.

Yours faithfully,

Employment.

DAVID BLUNKETT.

Sanctuary Buildings,

Department for Education and

Great Smith Street, SWIP 3BT.

From Dr Phillip Hallam-Baker

Sir, Michael Barratt (letter, March 11)

asks what teachers can do with the

laptop computers and modems which

are to be provided by the Govern-

If they used them to exchange ideas

on teaching and lesson plans they

could both save themselves time and

teach each other to become better

teachers. Rather than the national

curriculum being dictated by White-hall committees, it could be developed

by teachers who still teach their

the best researchers in the country. We built the Web as a collaboration

bject with the benefit of advice from

Fund for the three Rs and other measures to improve achievement.

Sir, On your front page on March 6 standards.

The headless man

Yours etc.
PHILLIP HALLAM-BAKER,

Somerville, Massachusetts 02143.

From Mr Richard Lamb

73 Merriam Street,

March II.

Sir, Like Michael Thornton (report, March 8), I have seen the Denning private archive about the late Duchess of Argyll Lord Denning offered me access to it when I was researching into the Profumo affair for my book The Macmillan Years (John Murray, 1995).

These papers make it possible to identify the headless man in the Argyll case, but Denning made me promise not to reveal his name as the man was still alive. I cannot believe that Michael Thornton was not obliged to give a similar promise.

The most intriguing part of the file was Denning's discovery that a senior Cabinet minister had been engaged in disgusting practices with prostitutes and a junior minister had homosexual affairs. Both could have been blackmailed and were thus security risks.

Denning told the Prime Minister

(and Macmillan noted it twice in his diary) but omitted it from his report. In my book I wrote that Macmillan feared the Government might be brought down if Denning included it.

Yours truly, RICHARD LAMB, Knighton Manor, Broadchalke, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP5 5EB.

Dismay at loss of legal aid clause

From the Head of Legal Affairs of the Consumers' Association and others

Sir, We are dismayed that the Lord Chancellor's Department has dismissed as a "gimmick" an important new clause in the Access to Justice Bill. which has its third reading in the House of Lords on Tuesday (Law Diary, February 23).

The clause was passed in the Lords last month by a majority of 71. It sets the Government the objective of ensuring that legal aid is available to those without means; of protecting individuals against discrimination on the basis of disability or where they live; and ensuring that the legally aided party is placed on an equal footing relative to the other side. Having promised to set its own objectives, the Government has tabled proposals which are plainly inadequate.

The Lord Chancellor is planning to have these safeguards struck out in the Commons, despite the fact that the equal treatment of people before the law has been central to the thinking behind our system of legal aid since

its inception some fifty years ago. The requirement that legal aid should be subject to available resources does not remove the need to set objectives for spending those resources. If the Lord Chancellor believes that such a clause is "quite unrealistic". then we must conclude that from now on those on legal aid can be expected to receive a second-class service.

Legislators put "objectives" clauses in Bills for good reasons: to ensure that the executive is bound to deliver in practice what it regularly promises in its political rhetoric.

A law without clear objectives may meet the government interest. Only a law with objectives meets the public interest. Yours sincerely,

ASHLEY HOLMES. Consumers' Association. DAN BRENNAN, Chairman, General Council of the Bar. VICKI CHAPMAN, Policy Director, Legal Action Group. MICHAEL MATHEWS. President, The Law Society. Consumers' Association, 2 Marylebone Road, NWI 4DF.

Prayer and shopping

From the Suffragan Bishop of

Sir, It was refreshing to read a fair plans for the millennium (report, Shopping is next to godliness, says new liturgy", March 9). Only one thing spoilt your report. You referred to "the millennium prayer or 'resolution". There is no such prayer.

The Churches do not believe the millennium resolution is a prayer, and have never presented it as such. It is meant to be a new year resolution. setting out some of the biblical values that society needs if it is to make a new start in the new century.

The reason this is put in the form of a resolution rather than a prayer is important and must not be missed. In a prayer you put the responsibility on to God to achieve the end. In a resolution you put the burden on yourself, and in the matter of making a better society that's where the responsibility should lie.

Yours sincerely, † GAVIN MAIDSTONE hairman, Archbishops' Millennium Advisory Group). Bishop's House, Pett Lane, Charing, Kent TN27 ODL. March 9.

From Mr George Medd

Sir. Worshipping the God of shopping should always be followed by home confession, using the traditional words: " ... We have bought those things which we ought not to have bought; And there is no wealth in us."

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MEDD, Littlebourne Cottage Twyford, Hampshire SO21 IPZ. March 9.

From Mr N. A. S. Andrews

Sir, In the Lenten addresses I have been giving, entitled From Paganism to Christianity, I asked in our first session if awe of God had not been replaced by awe for the goods of Marks & Spencer. We now know the answer to my

Yours faithfully, N. A. S. ANDREWS, Ashwood Farmhouse, Mill Lane. Preston next Wingham Canterbury, Kent CT3 1HG.

Budget miracle

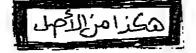
From Mr Gerald Solomon

March 9.

Sir. You report today that "solicitors were rushing" (my italics) to beat a deadline created by increased stamp duty on the sale of high-priced

properties. Who said that Chancellors can't work miracles? Yours faithfully,

GERALD SOLOMON, Sylvan, Pwilgias, Ruthin, Denbighshire LLI5 2PD. Sport letters, page 34 March 11.





COURT CIRCULAR

morning

ST JAMES'S PALACE March 13: The Prince of Wales this

morning visited the Centenario Football Stadium to meet participants in a project to support disadvantaged young people. His Royal Highness later toured the Laguna del Sauce Naval Airbasc, Punta del Este.

Afterwards The Prince of Wales visited the Maldonado Museum. This afternoon His Royal High-ness departed by air for the

This evening The Prince of Wales arrived at Mount Pleasant Airport, where he was greeted by the Governor, Mr Richard Raiph. His Royal Highness later laid a wreath at the 1982 Memorial in

Stanley. The Prince of Wales afterwards attended a reception in Stanley Town Hall.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 13: The Princess Royal this morning visited BICC Factory. Subic Bay, Philippines.

Her Royal Highness today had lunch with Non-Governmental Organisations at Mimosa Resort.

Angeles City.
The Princess Royal this after-noon visited the TPKI Micro-Finance Project at Community Centre (Opportunity International Livelihood Project) in Angeles City. Her Royal Highness later attended the Handover ceremony at Clark Airfield of bullock carts to

displace Acta tribesmen. The Princess Royal this evening attended a Reception for the British Community given by Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Philippines (His Excellency Mr Alan Collins) at his Residence. ST JAMES'S PALACE

His Royal Highness afterwards visited the Old People's Centre at King Edward's Memorial Hospi-

prayers at Christ Church Cathe-

The Prince of Wales later laid a wreath at the military cometery at San Carlos. This afternoon His Royal High-

ness visited Goose Green where he laid a wreath at the 2nd Battalion. The Parachute Regiment Memori-al and then attended a reception for the local community. The Prince of Wales later met

residents of West Falkland at Fox Bay Village before visiting a wildlife tourism centre on Sea Lion

His Royal Highness this evening attended a dinner given in his honour by the Governor, Mr Richard Ralph, at his residence. BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 14: The Princess Royal this morning departed the Philippines

for New Zealand.

Her Royal Highness this evening arrived in New Zealand and was received by Commander W.R.E. Burroughs RNZN Honorary Aide-de-Camp to His Excellency The Governor-General.

Royal engagements The Duke of York, as patron,

London Contemporary Dance Trust, will attend a dinner at The Place, London SWI, at 7.30. The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master, Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, will attend an officers' meeting at Eton College, Windsor, at 11.15; and as Chancel-Alan Collins) at his Residence.
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 14: The Prince of Wales this
a Business Advisory Group dinner
at Brooks's, St James's Street, at 7.15.

Nature notes

The chiff-chaft

The first summering chiffchaffs are back in Britain from the Mediterranean. At first, they feed where insects are abundant, often around the catkins of sallow trees: then they move on to the woods where they will nest.

and their chinking song rings out from the treetops. They claim a large territory at first but as other chiffchaffs arrive, all their territories get smaller. Hedge sparrows are sine-

ing their thin song among the out on woodland banks: they yellow forsythia flowers; the have a subtle scent but it does males will often have several mates. Herons are nesting in anemones, with their frail high trees, usually by lake- white petals, are just opening

They are caught by fool-ish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them. 1 Timothy 6.9 (CEV).

ANDERSEN/TATTON-EROWN
- On March 11th 1999 to
Robert and Olivia, a
daughter, Octavia.

COOPER - On 7th March to Georgie (née Hubber) and Simon, a son, Edward William, a brother for

CRAMSIE On March 11th 1999 to Petra (Née Fergusson) and Paddy a daughter Hope Rose Penalons

DOBBS - On 3rd March, to Kate and Matthew, a son, Richard William Frederick.

GUNNESS - On March 6th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Claire tode Perry) and Ewan, a daughter, Kirsty Elizabeth, a sister for Aider

GURNEY - On March 8th 1999 to Samantha ince Mahood; and Robert, a daughter, Jemima Skye.

BIRTHS

sitting on their blue eggs in the bulky nests. Both sexes incubate, and when one ar rives to take over from the other, they greet each other by pointing their long beaks at the sky. The sticky scales are falling off the horse-chestnut buds, and the

leaves are showing through, still clustered together like a little egg. Some hawthorn hedges are already a mass of bright green tufts. Sweet violets are

not carry very far. Wood sides: some birds are already on the woodland floor. DJM

Crufts Show results

Working and pastoral group Briard: Ch Brichard De Venoge, Mrs C Baker,

London. Komondor: Karcagnuszasi Dorka, Mr & Mrs Ottey, Louth, Lines. Maremma Sheep-dog: Ch Rodanna Italian Insignia, Mr R Martinali, Stamford, Lines. Norwegian Buhund: Ch Olpenden D'Zimba, Mrs C Denham-Horton, Nottingham. Polish Lowland Sheepdog: Ch Mybeards Dynamite, Mrs D Mottram, Chesterfield.

Dynamite, Mrs. D. Mottram, Chesterheld, Derbyshire, Pyrenean Mountain Dog-Galliagh Nistos, Mrs. D. Holland, Eire. Samoyed: Ch. Zamoyski Lucy Casanova at Raybridge, Mrs. B. Enticott, Chard, Somerset. Swedish Vallhund: Valshep Come On Joe, Mr & Mrs. A. Lay, St. Leonards, East Sussex, Bouvier Des Flandres: Ch. Kanix, Zulu, Miss. K. Wilburg, Swindon, Wilsshire, Dohermann; Sallate Striptease, Mr. Wiltshire, Dobermann: Sallate Striptease, Mr. D Gelderd, Nottingham, Mastiff: Ch Darkling Finn Mac Cumhal of Bredwardine, Mr P Tugwell, Llangadog, Dyfed. St Bernard: Ch Timeside Mr Sloba Doba, Mr & Mrs A Davis,

Alaskan Malamute: Shepherdsway. Phanom Scout, Mrs A Allen, Wisbech, Cambs.
Boxer: Seacrest Danoli At Carmondene, Mr C
Moncur-Drysdale, Edinburgh, Bull Mastiff.
Ch. Dixon of the Green, Mr E Thompson.
Bloxwich, West Midlands. Eskimo Dog: Artik at Seacourt, Mrs J Parkyns, Stoke on Trent. Giant Schnauzer: Jafrak Zucchini, Mr K Cullen, St Leonards, East Sussex, Hovawarc: Pines Douglas, Mrs W Inches, Perth. Neopoli-tan Mastiff: Caleeno's Zappa, Mr N Clarke, Hallsham, East Sussex, Newfoundland: Cayuga Edwardo Four Merrybear, Mr G Cuns,

Southampton.

Pinscher: Swanwite Red Ensign, Miss H
Leggett, Ayr. Rottweiler: Amunique King of
Diamonds, Mr and Mrs W McInally. Ayr. Scotland, Siberian Husky: Ch. Yahet Tamarisk Mrs A Lunn, Welney, Cambs, Bearded Collie: Ch. Potterdale Prophets, Mr & Mrs J Lewis, Southwell, Notts, Collie (Rough): Ch. Antoc Crystal Rainbow, Mr & Mrs J Smedley, Christchurch, Dorset, Old English Sheepdog Ch. Oakfarm Octavia, Mr & Mrs R Goddard, Worksop, Nottinghamshire. Welsh Corgi (Pern-broke): Foxydale Smart Guy, Mrs M Neal, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.

Australian Cattle Dog: Curdeleon Blue the Boy Wunda, Mr & Mrs J Chetwynd, Hereford, Belgian Shepherd Dog: Talamo Luna. Mr J Thornley, Rossendale, Lancs. Colley (smooth): Rowvale Rosemarie, Mr & Mrs J MacGregor Quorn, Leicestershire. Estrella Mountain Dog Asterel Amber, Mrs V Moncaster, Bristol.
Hungarian Kurusze Ashley Chase By Dreamcatcher, Mrs T Brent, Brentford, Middlesex,
Hungarian Puli: Rockisland Pan Dancer, Mr & Mrs W Fulton, Dumfriesshire. Shetland Sheep Dog: Ch. Seavall Sheen. Mrs J Hardman Newcastle upon Tyne. Burmese Mountain Dog: Ch. Hildvek Jonquill, Mr & Mrs D Edmunds, Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Great Dane: Ch. Turlum True to Form, Mrs Greig, Perthshire. Leonberger: Manorguard Lady Lisa at Leotroy, Mr & Hanley, Bambury, Oxon. Portuguese Water Dog: Otherson Pure Iliusion, Mr & Mrs K Hopkinson, Chippen-ham, Willshire. Tibetan Masilif: Kangchung Winston at Heronsview, Mr R Gardiner, Port Talbot, West Glamorgan.

Anaiolean Shepherd Dog: Arda Kangal Laika Bruchhausar Wall Von Seacop, Mrs P Broadhead, Wrexham. Border Collie: Dykebar Search for a Star, Mr and Mrs J Ritchie, Bell Hill. Lanarkshire. German Shepherd Dog: Tessgerin Rozela, Mr J Dobby, Helmsworth West Yorkshire. Lancashire Heeler: Lausteph Waitzing Matilda. Mrs L. Martin. Roberts-bridge, East Susser. Welsh Corgi (Cardigan): Ch. Gowerston Gambler. Mrs S. Muckle,

Day 3 Terriers and bounds group Airedale terrier: Stanstead, Second Strike at Jokyl, Miss O Jackson, Farnham, Surrey.

Cross, Mrs S Stoddart, Ayton, Berwick, Bedlington Terrier: Mollora Fire King, Mrs S Morrice, Inverness, Border Terrier, Ch Holcombe, Jack Daniels, Miss C Specidon, Bury,

Bull Terrier: Bucheriss, Blackmalled by Midline, Mrs L Hocker, Raleigh, Essex, Bull terrier (miniature): Ch made to measure of Bullyon, Mrs & Mrs M Phillips, Staines, Middlesex, Cairn Terrier: Pennicharm new dawn for conundrum, Mr & Mrs D Parker. Leicester. Dandie Dinmont terrier: Dentgate. loveletters, Mr & Mrs T Denham, Co Durham. Fox terrier (smooth) Ch Bannside, Father Ted. Mrs M Rose, Hatton, Warwick For terrier (wire): Galsul Jolly Ladd, Mr J Galvin, Neath, West Glamorgan. Glen of Imaal terrier: Heonty gold leader, Mr & Mrs H Welch, Bognor Regis.

Irish terrier: Ebenbeezer Ironback at Irvon-hill, Mr & Mrs A Barker, Derebarn, Norfolk Kerry blue terrier: Torums Scarf Michael, Mr B Ramsay. Tranmere, Birkenhead. Labeland Terrier; Ch Rayins Fire Medicine, Mr & Mrs P. Greenway, Newark, Noninghamshire Manchester Terrier; Galchvis Millennium falcon, Mr & Mrs Beart, Minehead, Somerset.

Norfolk terrier: brickin just for me, Mrs J Norrous errier: orienti just air me, reta a Stevenson, Meiton Mowbray. Norwich terrier: Elve Stomwizard, Miss D Sexton, Runby, Restord. Parson Jack Russel terrier: Ch Winnie the Witch of Hardihone, Mr & Mrs M Allen, Solimil. Sconish terrier: Ch Mayson paper-chase. Mr & Mrs I Gaskell. Rotherham. Sealytham terrier: Churcio Concesto, Mr H Horn, Hardepool.

Skye terrier: Ch Kirkleyditch the crusader of Gallondean, Mrs M Barrass, Queens Perry, West Lothian. Softcoated wheaten: Ch Stevelyn Blue Suede Shoes of Kariskiye, Mr & Mrs R. Tanner, Cheltelam, Staffordshire Bull Terrier; Ch Jodels missed a call, Mr & Mrs E Williams, Hartlepool. Welsh terrier: Saredon Mad Max. Mrs J Averis, Cheadle, Staffordshire.

West Highland white terrier, Bournehaven birthday guy, Mrs T Squire, Bournemouth, Afghan hound, Ch Tejas Conquistador, Mr M Gadisty, Blackpool, Basenji Custos stryke a pose, Mrs 8 Williams, Leigh, Lancs, Basset Sauve de Brethene: Baronfore Luc of Philabar, Miss S Borrelli, Alvaston, Deshabition

Basset Griffon Vendeen (grand): Melanter Petlar, Mrs V Mochan, Ayrshire, Vasset Griffon Vendeen (petit): Ch Dehra Xenephon at Ekoz, Mr & Mrs J Makin, Stirlingshire. Basset hound: Ch Switherland Blue Jeans, Mr & Mrs P Freer, Derby, Beagle: Ch Dufosee Queen Dee, Mrs V Bradley, Hereford. Bloodhound: Weatheroak Forceful, Mrs &

Mrs J Draisey, Daventry, Borzoi: Ch Colhugh Kalvin Kleine, Mr R Bassett, Brighton, Sussex, Dachsund (long haired): Frankanwen Sweet Lorraine Taf, Mrs W White, Altringham, Cheshire, Dachshound (miniature long haired): Ch Ralines Royal acclaim, Mrs & Mrs P Lockett, Wolverhampton, West Midlands. Dachshound (smooth haired): Ch Meganho

Evangelist, Mrs D Allam, Hereford Dachshound (miniature smooth haired): Shard-agang Country Satin, Mr & Mrs J Blackburn-Bennett, Fleetwood, Lancashire Sachshound (wire haired): Ch Jonena Ritterburg Estralita, Mrs V Skinner, Sheffield. Dachshound (miniature wire haired): Loretto Daniels Dram, Mrs J Hailen, Blackburn,

Deerhound: Terichline Ripple, Mrs C Dowsett, Ripley, Surrey. Eikhound: Ch Kestos Quickstep, Mrs B Stokes, Builth Wells. Finnish Spirz: Korpi Jeaku, Mrs A Preutz-Wildman, pakting, Lincolnshire.

Greyhound: Windspiel Northern Sea Guil. Mrs E Newsham, Rochdale. Hamiltonstovare: I'm No April Fool, I'm at Tedandi, Ms D Cool, Alton, Hampshire, Idizan Hound: Ch Paran Ziggy, Mrs B Stoneham, Bristol.

Irish Wolfhound: Ch Saringas Mr Miczw-ber, Miss J Dove, Reading, Otterhound: Ch

Teckelgarth Ptolemy, Miss M Lerego, Here-ford, Pharanh Hound: Seratin Phythada, Miss F Niven, Dumfries, Rhodesian Ridgeback: Cham-Niven, Deminies Rhooesian kongenack: Champion Ch Mangwe Llecha, Mrs J Baldwin, Harrogate, Yorkshire. Saluki: Daxlore Mirabile, Mrs H Craham, Market Drayton, Shropshire. Whipper: Ch Permadon: Golden Cascade, Mr and Mrs R Belshnw, Worksop, National Mrs R.

Day 4 Toy and utility group

Affenpinscher: Cransbere Kindamagic at Bode-bi, Mr J Turner, Newark, Italian greyhound: Hanjy Hoshot, Mrs V Herbert, Newbury, Lowchen: Ch Hanovarian Jazzman, Mr J Richardson, Peterborough, Maltese Ch Samos-sas Sweet Surrender, Mrs G Yanez, Cardiff, Miniature pinschen: New Era for Nethan, Mr P

Chow-chow Ch Charmalde Can Can Charlie with Dawnanda, Mr and Mrs M Butterworth, Nottingham, German spitz Yabba Dabba Bam Bam at Dramidas, Miss A Barr, Manchester-Japanese shiba inu: Vormund Moschino, Mrs E Dunhill, Retford, Notis, Japanese spitz Ch Hindeross Asa Hoshi over Charney, Mrs S Jones, Farringdon, Ozon. Keeshond: Zandvoort Dream Come True, Mr and Mrs C Brunt. Rotherham Miniature schnauzer: Ch Risepark Favorite Fella, Mr P Scanlon, Dublin.

Poorlie (miniature): Ch Rocksville the Cool Poofle iminature: Ch ROCKSVIIE the Con-Dude at Glympedr, Mr R Boatwright, Steich-ford, Birmingham, Tibetan terrier: Ch Alilah Urory at Waterley, Mr M James, Desborough, Northanis, Schnauzer: Ch Khinjan Kaskinen at Miccosukees, Mrs H Lockyer, Waltham Abbey, Essex, Shar Pei: Kyushu Nuttin to say, Mr and Mrs A Hudson, Stoke on Trent.

Chihushua (smooth): Ch Dachidas Dancing Master at Nikitos, Mrs B Sutton, Wantage, Master at rusios, Mrs o Stitum, Wattage, Ozon, Chinese crested dog: Chinese Chicago Bay, Mr C Carter, Purfey, Surrey, English toy terrier; Ch Amalek You Has Jazz, Mrs M Wilson, Okehampton, Devon, Pug. Ch Fain Hawks Eye, Mrs P MacDonald, Edinburgh. Boston terrier: Wildax Top Gun, Mr & Mrs F Wildman, Liverpool.

Buildog Ch Korimia the Riddler by Britishpride, Mrs M Goodwin, Chipping Norton, Oron, Cansan dog: The Lion of Judha at Anacan, Mrs E Minto, Feltham, Middlesex, Dalmatian: Ch Tommy Brock, Mrs C Gatford, Hornchurch, Essex.

French buildog: Buttergate Apollo, Mrs A Jenkins, Swindon. Poodle (standard): Ch Viomars Party Leader, Mrs S Pine-Hayes, Hor sham, West Sussex, Shihtzu: Ch Jardhu the sham, West Susser, Shintan; Ch Jardan the.
Republican, Mr & Mrs J Grugan, Ayrshire,
Tiberan spaniel: Ch Tibanchi Dashing Debonair, Mrs K Sheppard, Preston, Bichon Prise.
Ch Rozara He drives you wild, Mrs A
Halliwell, Southampton, Griffons Brusellis; Ch Dozmare, distinctive, Mr G Lee, Walsall Japanese Chin: Ch Vival Shuji Tamura, Mrs E. Tappenden, Salisbury. Pomeranian: Ch Cradarr, military tattoo, Mrs P Wallace, Sheffield.

Australian Silky Terrier: Amrons, T J Bear Extordinaire, Mr & Mrs Sharp, Birmingham. King Charles Spaniel: Ch Maibee Flashman. Miss S Walters, Newcastle Upon Tyne. Pekinese: Ch Kushans Mad About The Boy. Mrs A Everitt, Banbury, Oxon, Japanese Akita: Ch Redwitch Dancin In The Dark, Mr & Mrs D Killilea, Knottingley, West Yorkshire. Lhasa Apso: Ch Saxonsprings Tradition. Mr K Woosnam, Hammersmith, West London. Schipperke Aradet Aida, Miss M Deats, Thetiond Norfolk

Poodie (Toy): Tuttlebees Witchcraft, Mrs A Corish, Thatcham, Berkshire. Cavalier King Charles Spaniel: Ch Ricksbury Royal Legend, Mr B Rix, North Skelton, Cleveland, Chihuahua (Long Coat): Ch Pationia Shoshannah, Mr N Parrugia, London. Papillon: Ch Graycaz Othello, Mrs C Lee-Parusworth, Manchester. Yorkshire Terrier: Panjohn Desire, Mrs P Allington, Kidderminster, Worcestershire,

Forthcoming marriages

and Miss E.J. Hanbury

Newmarket, Suffolk

and Miss S.R. Walker

Mr K.M. Videlo

Marriages

Mr D.T. Sterrett

Eton Party

and Miss N-J. Taylor

Mr H. Moorehead and Miss C.T.W. Chan

The engagement is announced between Justin, eldest son of the

late Mr David Thomas and of Mrs Richard Belloc-Lowndes, of Ledbury, Herefordshire, and

Emma, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ben Hanbury, of Cowlinge,

The engagement is announced between Keith Michael younger

son of Mr and Mrs Donald Videlo,

of Farnhorough, Hampshire, and Stephanie Ruth, elder daughter of

Mr and Mrs Peter Walker, of

The marriage of Henry, second son of Mr Alexander Moorehead

and the late Mrs Louise Moorehead.

of Saltcoats, Ayrshire, Scotland, and Wendy, youngest daughter of Mrs Fung Suen Chan and the late

Mr Keng Ching Chan, of Shatin, Hong Kong, was celebrated by the Revd Donald Mentch and the

Revd Simon Stokes on Saturday,

February 20, 1999, at St John's. King's Lynn, Norfolk.

The marriage took place quietly in London, on March 12, between Mr

David Serrett and Miss Nicola-

Charles Beattie, OC

A memorial service for Charles Noel Beattle, QC, will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Thursday, April 15, 1999, at 5.00pm.

Mr A.O. Brookes and Miss M.E. Roberts The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs Albert Brookes, of Camelon Road, Palkirk, and Melanie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Roberts, of Chelsea and Norfolk.

Mr C.S. Davidson and Miss C.J. Nicolls The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the late Mr Samuel Davidson and of Mrs Davidson, of Southleigh, Devon, and Claire, elder daugh of Dr and Mrs Peter Nicolls, of

Mr T.P. Pairfax and Miss M. Borneman

Newcastle upon Tyne.

The engagement is announced between Tom, son of the Hon Peregrine and Mrs Fairfax, of Mindrum, Northumberland, and Miki, daughter of Mr Peter Borneman, of Weybridge, Surrey, and of the late Mrs Nigel Philox, of Rotherfield, Sussex.

and Miss M.K. Stephens The engagement is announced between Alex, younger son of the late Professor Harry Hearder and of Mrs Anna Hearder, of Highgate, London, and Marianne, daughter of Judge Martin Stephens, QC, and Mrs Tricia Stephens, of Cardiff.

Mr J.P. Jason and Miss P.M.A. Riley The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Jason, and Philippa daughter of Mr Martin Riley and Mrs David Dobell. Mr.J.C. Nield

and Miss V.P. Joh The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Nield, of Howden East Yorkshire, and Veryan, daughter of Commander and Mrs Russell Johnson, of Oxen Park,

Mr P.S.H. Lawrence's Mr P.S.H. Lawrence's old boys entertained their Tutor and his wife at a drinks party on March 10 at the Institution of Civil Engineers.

Lord Alton of Liverpool, 48; Mr

Earl Haig, 81; Mrs Deirdre Hut-

ton, chairman, Scottish Consumer Council, 50, Sir Leonard Knowles,

former Chief Justice of the Baha-mas, 83: Sir John Lacy, former

general director of party campaign-ing. Conservative Central Office, 71: Mr. Mike Love, singer (The Beach Boys), 55: Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, 75: Professor Joan

Mitchell, economist, 79; Mr Michael Moore, former chairman,

NSPCC, 63; Mr Robert Nye, novelist and poet, 60; Mr Ben

Okri, author, 40: Sir Philip Powell, CH, architect, 78: Lord Rendlesham, 24: The Right Rev Michael Scott-Joynt, Bishop of Winchester, 56: Mr Gavin Stamp, architectural historian and writer, 51: Sir Roger Tomkys, Master, Pembroke College, Cambridge, 62: Mr David Wall, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 53. Birthdays today Alexander Bernstein, former chairman, Granada Group, 63; Dr David Bryer, director, Oxfam, 55; Miss Isobel Buchaman, soprano, 45; Mr P.J. Butler, former senior partner, KPMG Peat Marwick, 70; Lord Constantine of Stammore, 89; Mr Prank Dobson, Secretary of State for Health, 59; Professor Sir Anniversaries James Dunbar-Nasmith, architect BIRTHS: Andrew Jackson, gene 72; Mr John Duttine, actor, 51; the al, 7th American President 1829-37, Waxhaw, Carolina, 1767; William Right Rev. John Gibbs, former Bishop of Coventry, 82; Professor John Gillingham, neurologist, 83; Ms Sunetra Gupta, author, 34;

Lamb. 2nd Viscount: Melbourne, Prime Minister 1834 and 1835-41, London, 1779. DEATHS: Julius Caesar, assassinated, Rome, 44BC; Sir Henry Bessemer, engineer, inventor, steel manufacturer, London, 1898; Aristotle Onassis, shipping magnate, Paris, 1975; Dame Rebecca West, writer, London, 1983.

The Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first all-professional haseball team, 1869. A bomb planted by Fenians exploded in the offices of The Times, Queen Victoria Street, London, 1883.

BMDS: 0171 680 6880 PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000

PERSONAL COLUMN

DESCRIPTIONS on Dights & hole p Suppo, UEA & your dasthu-dous, Divisionat Toward Service Lot: 0171 730 2201. AST, 25703 IATA AUG. 1356

LIGHTSEEKERS

01476.592095 **Jetworld**

01273 277 877

ETLINE

0171 360 1111

99GOCK A DO MET YORK A DON 9EM 54 MESCO 233 9EMPES 700 MEXICUPE 235 707AG 238 ROSSO 238 VACUS 238 STDEY 235 SEGRORE CAS MEXICUPE 222

ارزي

DRID ELSCIRO-OPTES LIMITED Protes for humby given their Luyscale mobile passed on 7th humby given their Luyscale mobile passed on 7th humb 1999 that a payment of 2144,979.50 out of the Company's ordinal (as defined in sections 171 and 177 of the Companion Act 1986) in respect of the punchase by the Company from 1710 Carbon by the Company from 1710 Carbon ordinary almost of 254,350 outlings almost of 250,00 each turbiler section 162 of the Companion Act 1986 is each total carbon and 1710 ca

EUROPE Washington low countries for ATOL ABYA THE 01626333200

LEGAL NOTICES

Am 1965 to sutherised.

2. The mentant of the purelettles

2. The mentant of the purelettles

capital payment to defined by suctions [27] and 172 of the Companies Act 1965 was [144,979.50.

3. The sentency declaration and

combines report beginded by section 173 of the Companies Act

1965 both of wishis are deted 7th

limits 1979 on synthistic for the

1965 both of wishis are deted 7th

limits 1979 on twellation for the

1965 both of wishis are deted 7th

limits 1979 on twellation for the

1965 both of wishis are deted 7th

limits 1980 within the postor

of the Company or 96 High Street,

Thus, once (129 322.

4. Any swelline of the Company

may apply on the Right Court entitle

workings. 176 and 177 of the Com
purellines 176 and 177 of the Com
purellines 11960 within the period

of thy weeks immediately follow
lag 7th March 1999 for an Order

particular in the preparent.

Daved 10 March 1999

IN THE MATTER OF AN (GROUP IN THE CONTROL IN THE ACCEPTANCE ART 1900 INTERCOMPANIES ACT IN Minute 1900 INTERCOMPANIES ACT IN Minute 1900 INTERCOMPANIES ACT IN MINUTE 1900 INTERCOMPANIES ACT IN ACCEPTANCE ACT IN ACCORDANCE AND AC Misrch 1999, Dutue: 12th March 1999 Addlesher Booth & Co 100 Bathirolli Square

(Ref: MIE/DYD/100/150-105) Solicitors for the Company FLIGHTS DIRECTORY

WORLDWIDE drop a for fact ste fores... THEY *> 14 EYES C RUSHLAND SHURPOSE A SON 4 1253 (Rg 9 --- 106228

TRADE; 0171 481 1982 FAX: 0171 481 9313 LEGAL NOTICES

CORY DEVIRON DESTRICT RECES ORT OF THE JUSTIER OF THOOLWICE NEUTRANCE RESPONDES LIMITED-UND DR THE MANTHE OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 KOYACI ES HERENY GEVEN that a

ing capital to the seembors of the Company, atto NOTFOR IS PORKERS (CVNN class Continue), and NOTFOR IS PORKERS (CVNN class Continue) before the pulsy in open court at 23 hell Street, blushop han, 24 close on 22nd March 1999 at 10.30 a.m.
ANY Creditor or Remobalder of the self-Company destricts to oppose the mobile of the foreign continue of the said schemestry of the said sederation of the street capital of the Company destricts appear at the three of the street capital of the Company destricts appear at the three of the street appear at the three of the second at the property of the said second at the said of the second at the said of the second at the said of t

the required their Dated this 15th 1999 Everyhetin 1.15 Cohages New 1-2 MWhH/115 Tek 0121 232 1000

COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES TO PLACE MOTICES FOR HERE SECTIONS PLEASE Telephone 0171 580 6878 Fax 0171 782 7930 Or Email

Revenued P Joint Liqu

Established

Ch.

2

100

2012 1 Harris

8 20 F

41,

The state of

Mari

SERVICE STREET

Be the field r.

ig Jo

ρ. (**) ης. (**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS THERE IS ALWAYS HELP AT HAND EROM THE MUSICIANS BENEVOLENT FOND.

HELP WITH STRESS AND HEALTH PROBLEMS. HELP AND ADVICE ON FINANCIAL PROBLEMS HELP THAT'S GIVEN IN ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE.

PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL OR SEND

(DO YOU NEED SOMEBODY?)

MUSICIANS BENEVOLENT FUND, 16 OGLE STREET. LONDON WIP EJB. REGISTERED CHARTY No. 228089. TELEPHONE D171 636 4481.

RENEVOLENT FUND

Regimental Association Welfare Fund, c/o

ROUGER - On March 9th 1999 to Nataska (née Butterfill) and Toby, a son, Charles Frederick (Charlie).

VAM DER EB - On March 11th 1999 in Christchurch NZ, to Ruth Inde Waters) and Laurence, a daughter Sophle Marguerite Edith. DEATHS

BEVAN - Lt. Col. William Silvanus Bevan O.B.E aged 35 years. Passed away suddealy on March 11th 1999. Dearly loved husband of the late Muran and the late Jill, Father of Charles and Alice and a devoted crandfather. Chartes and Asice and a devoted grandfather. Stepfather to Richard. Stepfather to Richard. Private Cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at All Saints Church, Milford on Sea on Friday, March 19th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Canar Research

Canar Reserch
Campaign, Co Diamond
Son Funeral Directors,
Lymington, SO41 9DN BOWSER - On 11th March BOWSER - On 11th March
1999, Geraid Charles
Mather Bowser, Lt Col
Late of the Royal Sussex
Regiment. Husband of the
late Antometre Bowser
(née Budd) and husband of,
Susan Honora Bowser.
Funeral Service at
Wilmington Parish Church
on Friday 19th March 1999
at 2 15 pm. followed by
private cremation. No
flowers but donations if
wished to the Royal Sussex
Regimental Association HAMSON - Sheila, retired Matrice MITTHE Hospital died 4th March 1999 Funeral Chichester Crematerium, Friday 19th March et 3,00pm.

To place death notices acknowledgements 0171 680 6880

DEATHS Upton upon Severn. suddenly in hospital on March 9th. Commander Roger Corbet-Milward R.N. 1915-1999. The

R.N. 1915-1938. The beloved husband of Erms and a much loved father and grandiather. Fuceral service at Queenhill Parish Church on Saturday March 20th at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations for The King George V Fund for Sailors may be sent to Maicolm J Presiand Funeral Directors, 19 High Street, Upton upon

Street, Upton upon Severn, Worcs. WR8 OHJ. DRAGE - Peggy M, formerly Hart-Leverton and Wachman, much loved wife of Sydney, mother of Peter, Gay and Nicholaz and beloved grandmother, peacefully on 12th March 1999. Service at Easthourne Crematorium, Ride Hollow, Langley, at 3.15 per on Thursday 18th March. No flowers please. Donations if wished to St Michael's Hospice, Upper Maze Hill, St Leonardson-Sea.

GARRETT-KERR (Hamilton)
Virginia daughter of the
Into A-G. Garrett of
Uckfield ar Marsuleld
Sussex beloved mother of
Susaunah Garrett-Kerr
and adored consort of
Hugh Davidson. Funeral
at Bywell, St. Andrews
Church Northumberland
at 2.30 pn on Monday 15th
March. No flowers.
Donations to Imperial
Cancer Fund 61 Grainger
Street, Newcastle Upon
Tyne. No Dark Clothes or
Ties.

GRACE - Margery MB, BCH.
IP, aged 93 years of
Amberiey, Stroud,
peacefully on 11th March.
A much irreal mother,
grandmother and great
grandmother. Funeral
service at Amberiey Parish
Church on Monday 22nd
March at 12 noon followed
by cremation Family by cremation Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent to the Birtish Red Cross c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors, Dirleton House, Calmscross Road, Stroud, Glos.

HOPE Robert Cyprian
Imove as Robis on
Thursday March 11th,
aged 83, with great
courage. Much loved
husband of Rooms and
devoted father of Nellia,
Caroline and Amanda,
Much loved Grandpa. Late
of the Indian Civil Service
Trinks giving service
Friday 19th March at 3 pm
St. Mary Magdalen,
Cartieton, Sherbonne,
Family flowers only but

Castleton, Sharborne.
Family flowers only but
donations to the Dorset
McMillan Nursing
Foundation. All enquiries
to Norman Brister 100
Lenthay Road, Sherborne.
01925 212847

JACKSON - On 12 March, General Sir William Godfrey Fothergill Jackson GBE, KCB, MC, formerly Quartermaster General of the Army, and Governor and Commander in Chief of Gibraitar, age 81, peacefully after a short final illness stoically borne. Adored husband of Joan, father of Nigel and Rosemary, father-in-law of Robert, and grandfather of John and Kitty. Small funeral for family and friends to be held at Wilcot Church, Wilts on Friday 19th March at 1400. Family flowers only pless. Details of Service of Thanksgiving will be announced in due course.

Suddenly at home,
Berbara, aged 69. Widow
of the late Kenneth. A
much loved mother and
sixter. Thankagiving

sister. Thankagiving Service at St Mary's Church, Goodburst, Church, Goodburst, Kent on Friday March 19th at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, psyable to Inner Wheel Club of Cranhrook and Hawkhurst c/o J Perigos & Son. Bank Street. Cranbrook TN17 3EF. Tel: 01580 713636.

MATLAND - Joan Tempe (ne Ryder) on 10th March 199 at St Luko's Nursing Home, Headington, aged 96. Formerly of Pullen's End Cottage, Headington, Widow of Francis E. Maitland. Crumston on Friday 19th March at the Oxford Crumstorium at 2 00ton Enquiries to

Oxford Cremetorium at 2.00pm. Enquiries to Recree & Pain, 288, Abingdon Road, Oxford. 01865 242529.

JERRAM - At Torbey
Hospital on 9th March
1889, John aged 84 years,
beloved father of Richart
The funeral service to tal
place on Thursday 18th
March 1999 12.30pm at
Exeter Crematorium,
Floral tributes may be se
c/o Co-Operative Funera
Service. Albany Stress

SELEWSKA DUNBAR -SEE ALSO O'DONNEL On 12th March 1999 aged 79, Erica, widow of Kizef Kinielewaki, mother of Luke and Pawei. Family Funeral. Memorial Mass be announced.

AWRIE - Audrey, dear wife of Gordon, on 11th March 1999 aged 77 Cremation private. No flowers. Donations if wished to Wood Green Animal

TICKETS FOR SALE

CORPORATE

HOSPITALITY
ALL TICKETS
S NATIONS
S NORLD CLE
CHELTENIAM
GRAND PRIX
POOTBALL ASCOT
CHECKET, ETC
TEL 01673 44984

PRST CLASS ENTERTAINMENT

ENGLAND

POLAND

FLLL VIP PACKAGE

+ MATCH TICKET

751-0181 970 2600 TEL: 0181 970 2619

Ne deliver. 0171 930 8636 MADORS Channy, Eng V Po-lens, Engley World Cup. Calchet World Cup, Westhingson Cup Fo-nal, Amer. Continuous Gold Cup, All Game Prix. Witshindon Date All Major spectuage counts, these on Tel; 0171 394 8283 CC's PHS SATYONS Champ, Southerd V fraining 20th March prime sweet sweftable, Tul 0171 394 8283

Ol985 242529.

NOVIS - On 12th March 1999.
peacefully in hospital.
Edith Mary Frances Novis
aged 90 years. Wife of the
late Lt. Col. A.L. Novis
M.C., devoted mother of
Richard, Sue and Jill and
much loved grandmother.
Service of Thanksgiving at
11.30 am on Friday 19th
March 1999 at St Mary's
Church, Meysey, Hampton,

Church, Meyeer, Hampton.
Gloucastershire. No
flowers. Any denastous to
Fairford Cottage Hospital
c/o A. Slade & Son.
Ridgeway House, Dyer
Street, Cirencester, Gloe. O'DONNELL Erica, Founde of the Study Centre for the History of Fine and Decarative Aria, see KISHELEWSKA DUNBAR

DUMBAR
TETLEY-SR HERBERT died
paecefully on 12th March
aged 90. Service and
cremation at Randalls
Park, Leatherhead, Surrey
at 3pm on Friday 19th
March, Family ilowers, but
douations it desired to
Save The Children,
Enguirles to FREDK, W.
Paine, 0181 399 2060

MEMORIAL SERVICES BEATTE - A Memorial Service for Charles Noel Beattin QC will be hald in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Thursday 15th April 1999 at 5.00 pm.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE ERROT - A.J. FRCS, 14th March 1995. Remembert you with love. Cynthia. Jenny and Sendy. BIRTHDAYS

THE Y MAJOR GOUCHER The most geograph little girl in the world largery Lat Mirtheley, with lots of how, always Duddy LLLL WANTED

MONE COATS, for cours purchase Best price puid. Please nen enquirts à details to Nex 5804 1930s musical with Jeans Mar Ligans. Tel 0.1865 558 645 TICKETS FOR SALE COSS TICKES World Wide Sporting Events, Top West End Sporting Events Top West End Sporting Even Shows & Pop C 6616 All Joseff

UK HOLIDAYS WINTER SPORTS



PREMIER EVENTS

HAVE **ALL TICKETS** ENG V FRANCE WALES Y ENG ENG Y POLAND CRICKET W/CUP CHELT'M & ASCUT ALL GRAND PRIX'S THEATRE & CONCERTS

0171 283 5050 FOR SALE

AND PHISARY Britished Times, Any Cate. E18 play from the 1850's Times when Strikesed and 0175 726 2626 HE TRACE = 1791 - 1999 other to des acadinble. South for presen-tation - also Sundays', Espace-ber What, 0151 763 6363 or Chil Pres 0500 520000

MORRANG SUITS

DURBER SURTS

EVENING TAIL SUITS

SURPLUS TO HERE

LIPMAN & SCHS

AUSTRALIA OTIBOND 22 Charry Ston As WC2 Cap Tel 017: 823 7721 THE Francisco St (CC)

FLIGHTS DIRECTORY

RT TOTAL chaint benguing in Val Clause, Marchas, Low Gone, Low Communius, St Americ, Lock, Low Spart & Widgelms, Tak Cyll 1948 SSMS, ATCE, 2271, ASTA V6104 servestibulium.

SALE NOW ON

100's of new and second and planes for sele or his with option to buy from suly 125 per month. 0171 935 8682 NW1 9181 854 4517 SE18 For your capy of the Musical Call. Catalogue call 00700 797 797 www.gamicaight.com

FLATSHARE SINGTON, NI. 2 Constants recess to 6 body? bath, Google house of chanceter, with gard (177pw + bills or harper to (115pw + bills. Belt perfected als. Tek 0171 226 2422

DOMESTIC 77 - Continue Continu

FLIGHTS DIRECTORY FLIGHT SEARCHERS

0171 408 1535

SPANIA PLAY Lat. For a fact, on region, perfectional Cost also larg service (0171) 464 4133

EXPRESS C 01717222121

01920 484007

45

4 6 .

1. 1. Sept. 19.

7.53

100

1 100

5 1 70%

753

GENERAL SIR WILLIAM JACKSON

General Sir William Jackson. GBE, KCB, OBE, MC and Bar, soldier, military historian and former Governor of Gibraltar. died on March 12 aged \$1. He was born on August 28, 1917.

n a career that lasted until well past the normal retiring age. Bill Jackson was variously a fighting soldier. military historian. Quartermaster-General of the Army and, at a time when most men are happy enough for a sinecure, a wise Governor of Gibraltar during a testing period, 1978-82. His tenure included the months of the Falklands conflict, when the usual tensions between Britain and Spain over the Rock were considerably increased by the outbreak of hostilities over another territory whose inhabitants were determined to remain British, Jackson keenly enjoyed the complexity of such a situation, and was acutely aware of the ambivalencies of the cat-andmouse game which the British had to play with their Spanish Nato allies,

As a fighting Supper in the Second World War Jackson had seldom been far from the action, as anested by his two MCs. awarded in the Norwegian and Italian campaigns. He had also served in North Africa, and during the latter part of the war he went out to the Far East. In 1958 he was to return to Malaya, where he was deeply involved in anti-terrorist operations. He had by that time become established as a staff officer of the highest class, and his intellect was later to make him a fine chronicler of military campaigns, in many of which he had fought personally.

William Godfrey Fothergill Jackson was the son of a colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps. He was educated at Shrewsbury School, from where he went to the Royal Military Academy, Wholwich, There he won the King's Medal as the outstanding scholar of the year. and later he went to King's College, Cambridge. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers in 1937.

After the outbreak of war he took part in the British Army's first major campaign in Norway in the spring of 1940. He was



General Sir William Jackson in the 1970s, before he became Governor of Gibraltar

part of a force which landed at Andalsnes as the southern prong of an attack on German-occupied Trondheim, But Winston Churchill, who was then First Lord of the Admiralty, soon perceived that both this and a northern force launched from Namsos were in imminent peril from counter-attacks, and evacuation was ordered.

Jackson commanded the Sapper contingent in the withdrawal to Andalsnes, which was charged with blowing up railway lines and bridges in the path of the advancing Germans. For his gallantry and astute conduct of his unit in this operation during which he was wounded Jackson was awarded an immediate MC.

He then served in Tunisia under Eisenhower and Alexander. During the Italian campaign he was back in command of a unit, and it was as a major. leading an Engineer Field Squadron, that he gained the Bar to his MC - and was wounded twice

In the winter of 1943 it was his squadron that bridged the

Volturno River to the north of Naples, and enabled the allies to advance to the Gustav Line.

Jackson remained in Italy until the breakthrough to the Gothic Line north of Florence in the summer of 1944, but in 1945 he was sent out to the Far East. There he took part in the reoccupation of Singapore and in the delicate operations in Indonesia and Malaya, in which the Japanese, not having been defeat-ed on the battlefield there, made themselves difficult prisoners. The nascent nationalist movements were not at all keen on seeing their old colonial masters

On his return to Britain, Jackson joined the directing staff at the Staff College, and later was appointed an instructor at Sandhurst. He was promoted lieutenant-colonel in 1958 and commanded the Gurkha Engineers in Malaya from 1958 to 1960, the last years of the highly successful counter-insurgency

campaign. With a now excellent reputation as a staff officer, he returned

1961, but the next year he was promoted brigadier and made deputy director of staff duties at the War Office. He held this appointment until 1964, when he attended the Imperial Defence College. In 1966 he was promoted major-general and organised the Chief of the Defence Staff's annual exercise, meticulously thinking of everything, even down to the provision of golf

In 1971, as a lieutenant-general, he was appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command. In 1973 he was promoted general on assuming the post of Quartermaster-General, his final appointment, which he held until 1976.

clubs for those who had forgot-

ten to bring their own.

He was Colonel-Commandant, Royal Engineers, 1971-81; Gurkha Engineers, 1971-76; and Royal Army Ordnance Corps, 1973-78. He was appointed OBE in 1958, created KCB in 1971 and created GBE in 1975.

His appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Gibraitar called on his knowledge and skill as both soldier and

historian Jackson had a profound understanding of the history of the Rock, and continued to write to the press on behalf of

its inhabitants long after his appointment was over. When the Falklands war broke out in the spring of 1982 and his usually quiet harbour was suddenly packed with ships refuelling and resupplying on their way to the South Atlantic, he revelled in the quickening of tempo. He was particularly good at the business of trying to blind Spanish Intelligence - which was relaying all its findings to Argentina - about the nature and strength of the British reinforcement

Bill Jackson had a formidable intellect and an extraordinary capacity for work. He drove himself just as hard as he drove his staff, yet always found time for his many other interests. such as fly-fishing. He was twice winner of the Trench Gascoigne Gold Medal of the Royal United Services Institute and was a frequent contributor to Service journals. He also wrote book reviews and many obituary notices for The Times. His style was terse, even dry, but always

His book The Battle for Italy (1957) became a standard work, and - like The Battle for Rome (1969) and Alexander of Tunis as Military Commander (1971) owed much to his own observation. But he ranged widely across wartime operations and the postwar strategic scene. The Alternative Third World War: 1985-2035 (1987) contained his liveliest speculations, ranging from the collapse of Nato, to a war between the US and its Latin American neighbours.

Despite an austere manner which made it difficult for him to appear relaxed, he was an excellent host and a warm friend. No one who had cause to consult him at any time during his service could complain that he came away without a sympathetic hearing and the best of advice. The outstanding student of his generation at Woolwich. Jackson went on to prove himself the outstanding Sapper of his

William Jackson married Joan Mary Buesden in 1946. She survives him, along with their

SIR EMMANUEL KAYE

Sir Emmanuel Kaye, CBE, industrialist, died on February 28 aged 84. He was born on November 29, 1914.

EMMANUEL KAYE did something very rare in postwar Britain: he founded a successful engineering firm. Lansing Bagnall went on to become the largest company of its kind in Europe. The historian of Britain's industrial decline. Correlli Barnett, called it "an absolutely outstanding achievement", the reverse of the usual dismal story.

Unlike many British inventors and innovators, Kaye knew how to bring his ideas to market in a realised physical form and in financially viable shape. He had an incisive mind, and could strip away inessentials to reach the core of a problem. He never stopped thinking of ways to improve his business, as executives who received his 7 am Sunday telephone calls will testify. He was a man quite without small talk, and could seem so remote as to be frightening, yet he was kind and generous.

Emmanuel Kaye was educated at Richmond Hill School, which he left at 15 to support his widowed mother. Later he attended night classes at Twickenham Technical College to study engineering. He and his colleague John Sharp founded a business, J E Shay Ltd to supply metal components to larger companies. They went on to buy a bankrupt firm and turn it into Lansing Bagnall, making electric forklift trucks. In February 1946 they purchased a new site, in Basingstoke, and were later to become the town's largest employer. Kaye mar-ried Elizabeth Cutter the following

It was a black time for business, which faced both shortages of material and pettifogging regulations under the postwar Labour administration. The shortage of steel led the Ministry of Supply to

cancel their building licence, and the parmers spent Christmas Day 104.

writing a new application. By product and business innovation. Lansing Bagnall became the biggest manufacturer of forklift trucks in Europe John Sharp died in 1965, but Kave carried on expanding the business until there were nine overseas companies. 40 worldwide distributors and a peak total of 7,000 employees. In 1989 he sold out to the German firm of Linde.

Though 75, he did not retire. In 1077 he had initiated a scheme to set up young entrepreneurs in business, and Kave Enterprises, founded in 1989, went on to back fledgelings in areas as diverse as steel stockholding, wholesale stationery. retirement homes and computer software.

He was a passionate opponent of Britain joining the single currency and a founder member of Business for Sterling in 1998. He served on many CBI committees from 1974 to 1992.

His devotion to public service was also apparent in his work on many other committees, such as the Council of Industry for Management Education (1970-87) and the Reviewing Committee on Export of Works of Art (1977-80).

He made many charitable bequests in this country and in Israel, most of them anonymous. He funded a room in the National Portrait Gallery (which contains a fine portrait of him by Paul Brason), and was a trustee of Glyndebourne from 1977 to 1984. Perhaps surprisingly, he was a devotee of alternative medicine, being vice-president of the Natural Medicines Society and patron of the British Homoeopathic Association. He also founded the Thrombosis Research Institute in 1981.

He was appointed CBE in 1967 and received his knighthood in 1974. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

WILLIAM MATHIESON

William Mathieson, CB, CMG, MBE (Mil), former Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Overseas Development, died on February 12 aged 82. He was born on February 22, 1916.

WILLIAM MATHIESON devoted most of his working life to African affairs at the Colonial Office and then to the organisation of aid programmes. After retiring from the Civil Service in 1975, he spent 15 vigorous years as a consultant promoting development overseas.

The son of a Church of Scotland minister, William Allan Cunningham Mathieson was born in Scone, Perthshire. He won scholarships to Dundee High School and Edinburgh University, where he took a first in classics. After being awarded the senior King's Scholarship at King's College, Cambridge, in 1938, he joined the Colonial Office.

As a major in the Royal Artillery he was responsible for planning the firing for the Rhine-crossing campaign and took part in the liberation of Belgium. He was appointed MBE (Mil) in 1945.

Back at the Colonial Office, he was appointed a counsellor to the British Mission at the UN from 1951 to 1954. He then took up duties as head of the East African department, where he attracted the attention of several governors. Sir Evelyn Baring, then Governor of Kenya, secured his secondment to Nalrobl in 1958 as Minister of Education, Labour and Lands to structure and supervise the imminent transition to independence.

In 1961, Sir Andrew Cohen invited Mathieson to join what became the Ministry of Overseas Development, under Barbara Castle. Cohen was substantially proportioned, and the department quickly became known within the Civil Service as the Elephant and Castle. But they were an effective team, establishing aid programmes to former colonies in Africa and South-East Asia.

Faced with intransigence during negotiations, Mathieson could be relied on to make a joke or turn the tables. He carried a small bag of marbles with him, and once offered some to another delegate who he thought must have lost his.

After retirement he was adviser to a number of agencies under the aegis of the World Bank, the UN Development Programme and the Rockefeller Foundation, which were increasingly focusing on education, research and fieldwork in agriculture and health. He managed to cajole contributing nations into giving more generously than they might have intended, especially to research, disease control and programmes to increase agricultural yields.

He was appointed CMG in 1955 and CB in 1970. He was an honorary fellow of Oueen Elizabeth House, Oxford, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. His last years were given to extensive travel, voluminous reading and research into early plant-hunters in the Americas and Asia. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, whom he married in 1946, and by their two sons.

. . .

500

477.74

A 400

.. , :

... -[.]

--.--

A. .

٠.

JAKI BYARD

to the Staff College as a colonel in

Jaki Byard, jazz pianist, was shot dead in New York on February II aged 76. He was born in Worcesier. Massachusetts, on June 15, 1922.

THE consummate case with which Jaki Byard was able to bring to life virtually all styles of iazz piano, from rautime to the avant garde, won him countless admirers during more than half a century as one of the most distinguished pianists in jazz. He became best known for his work in the 1960s with Charles Mingus, joining the iconoclastic bassist in a series of bands that included such jazz revolutionaries as Roland Kirk. Eric Dolphy and Booker Ervin.

His stylistic breadth and openness to new thinking made him an ideal participant in Mingus's experiments, and it is largely due to Byard that much of the Mingus curon survives, since the bassist taught his musicians their parts by singing them. Byard wrote down what they had played before it was forgotten. claiming it was for his own reference, but surreptitiously distributing parts to colleagues

Despite a mischievous sense of humour, and the acute ear of a born parodist. Byard was no superficial musician, and the integrity of his exploration of the jazz keyboard tradmon won over the most hard-bitten of critics. his fellow musicians. Enthustasts for his playing included planists as varied as Teddy Wilson and the avant garde composer Paul Blev, and he was the automatic choice to deputise for Dake Ellington during Elling-

ton's final illness Hearing one of Byard's solo recitals, Bley wrote. "He can play

the piano the way people have for the last forty years, and he gets very close to how it was actually done.". And it was Byard's command of the subtlest nuances of the keyboard that made him a hugely influential teacher, first at the New England Conservatory, which he joined in 1969, and then at a range of other colleges, including the Brooklyn Conservatory and the Hartford School of Music. He taught at the Manhattan School of Music until his death.

John A. Byard Jr began his own musical education in a household full of instruments. His father played in a brass hand, and his grandmother had been a pianist for silent movies. so he began piano lessons himself at an early age. He studied with a teacher called Grace Johnson Brown, who gave him a good grounding in the classics. before the Depression put an end to his lessons in 1932.

Nevertheless, his father encouraged Byard to play trumpet fand later frombone and tenor saxt in his marching band, and also to listen to jazz on the radio. This fuelled an interest that grew when Byard became old enough to hear the great swing orches-tras of Chick Webb. Fletcher Henderson and Jimmie Lunceford as they visited his local theatre. From the age of to he began to play at an after-hours club with several members of these bands, nicknaming the venue the Saxtrum club? sax-

trumpet-drums. On medical advice, Byard stopped playing trumpet and focused on piano, but when he was conscripted into the Army in 1941 he ended up specialising on frombone alongside the pioneer modern jazz drummer Kenny



Byard was a master of every kind of jazz on the piano

Clarke. After demobilisation. he returned to Boston to study. playing for short spells with the violinist Ray Perry and the saxophonist Earl Bostic, before ending up as a regular pianist for the trumpeter Herb Pomeroy. Boston in the late 1940s was a horbed of jazz experimentation, and there Byard played with the

cutting-edge saxophonists Sam Rivers and Charlie Mariano

before temporarily concentrating on saxophone himself with

Pomeroy's Jazz Workshop Orchestra. Back on piano, he moved to New York and ended up in 1960 working with the experimental trumpeter Don Ellis, who encouraged him to play for Charles Mingus at the Showplace Club.

He did not join Mingus, with whom he replaced Horace Parlan, until 1962, but he proved the ideal pianist to accommodate the unorthodox playing of Mingus's saxophonist and clarinettist Eric

for whom Byard revoiced the standard chords of his accompaniments, pioneering a modern jazz lechnique that is still in use.

Just before joining Mingus, Byard made a set of discs for the Prestige label that remain among the best examples of his playing, in particular the album Out Front!, on which Booker Ervin is an outstanding soloist. Byard had the good fortune to be in Mingus's band during one

of its most creative and comprehensively recorded periods, which assured his reputation and drew him into further recording and solo projects, but particularly into teaching. For much of the 1970s, he kept a low profile, though with regular appearances at New York clubs. Then he formed the first of a series of big bands, the Apollo Stompers, which he continued to lead on and off for some years. Most recently, in addition to his 1991 disc in a series of piano

recitals recorded at the Maybeck Hall in Berkeley — one of the most audaciously avant garde of a predominantly mainstream collection - he formed a duo with the saxophonist Michael Marcus. Using reed instruments such as the stritch and manzello. and with a cavalier attitude to pitch, Marcus continued the line of experimentation of Byard's former colleagues Roland Kirk and Eric Dolphy, and he proved the ideal foil for Byard's blend of tradition-based technique and exploratory imagination. Their album This Happening was widely acclaimed, and a new

album is due for release. Byard was found shot in the head by a single bullet at his home in Oueens. He is survived by two daughters and a son.

ALAN HARDY

Alan Hardy, horticulturist and plantsman, died on February 4 aged 72. He was born on April 4, 1926.

ALAN HARDY had a lifelong interest in garden plants, which probably began at the age of seven when a well-known daffodil grower gave him some bulbs. In later life he was particularly respected for his knowledge of many groups of hardy garden plants, ranging from daffodils and snowdrops through chrysanthemiums to rhododendrons.

His garden, Sandling Park, at Hythe, Kent, which he took over from his father along with the family farm, contained a major collection of outstanding plants, but was wrecked by the great storms of 1987 and 1990. Each time he tackled the devastation with great energy, bringing the gardens back to the exemplary standard for which they were renowned.
Sandling Park was developed by four

generations of the Hardy family. Laurence Hardy started it in 1897. He saw the potential for a woodland garden, and planted the first rhododendron there in 1900: the well-known Hardy hybrid "Cynthia". Today the garden is noted for its woodland plants, many of which originated in seeds from plants in the

wild. The garden has a large collection of rhododendrons, some bred by Hardy's father, Arthur. Hardy also hybridised rhododendrons and one of the results, named "Arthur Hardy", deservedly gained an award of merit when exhibited at Chelsea in 1986. Hardy took great delight in exhibiting at the Royal Horticultural Society's flower shows in Westminster, and was awarded the Loder Rhododendron Cup in 1978. Many other important prizes followed.

He devoted a great deal of time and energy to the society's floral committees, and was much involved in judging exhibits, as well as plants in the trials at the society's garden at Wisley in Surrey. The contribution he made to the society's publication Award of Garden Merit Plants, which lists all the plants that have been given this award for outstanding garden value, demonstrated his extensive

knowledge and judgment. In 1993 the RHS awarded Hardy its highest accolade, the Victoria Medal of Honour, for his contribution to horticulture, and so he joined a small group of husbands and wives who both hold that award, as his wife Carolyn had received the medal in 1989. She survives him, along with their two daughters.

The 7th Baron Newborough. of Rug Corwen. Denbighshire, left estate valued at £20,527,040 net.

Brigadier Rederick Heathcoat Amory, of Allington, Chippenham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1.063.754 net. Lady Porritt of London SW13, left estate valued at £419.056 net.

Helen. Baroness Roborough, of Roborough, Deven. left estate valued at £610.400

Margaret Winifred Hole, of East Grinstend, West Sussex, left estate valued at £0.052,800 net. She left £30,000 to St Catherines

Hospice, Crawley: \$1,000 to restora-

tion fund. St Swithin's Church, East William Andrews, of Llandewi. Rhydderch. Abergavenny. Monmouthshire, left extate valued at £3.452 937 net. Phyllis Gwendoline Symonds Latest wills

of Ipswich, left estate valued at £2.014.423 net Howard Cragg, solicitor, of Brighton, left estate valued at

£2()42,003 net. He left shares in the remainder of his estate to RNLL Salvation Army and Cancer Rehet Macmillan Fund Joan Asch, of Kingston-upon-Thames. Surrey, left estate valued at \$1.041.177 net. Reginald Joseph Currey, of

Brighton, East Sussex, left estate valued at £604,800 net Martin Charles De Roemer. of Tiliord, Farnham, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,395,568

Jovee Lilian Fisher, of Bournemouth. Dorset, left estate valued at \$1,497,213 net. She left £1.000 to the National Trust and to Bournemouth Blind Aid Society, plus shares in her residuArd Association, Guide Dogs for the Blind, British Heart Foundation. NSPCC, Spasnes Society, British Red Cross, RNIB, Macmillan Cancer Trust and RNLI.

Gordon Eric Goodhew, of Ascot. Berkshire, left estate valued at £1.807.060 net. Andreas (commonly known as Andrews Goeritz, of London. Wi. left estate valued at

51,424,437 net. Lois Eunice Grigg, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire, left estate valued at £1,129,276 net. Harold Hebblethwaite, of Dore, Sheffield, left estate valued at £1,630,378 net.

Hospital NHS Trust. Maurice Lass, of London NW6, left estate valued at £1.428,531 net. He left his residuary estate in trust for Jewish Care.

Henry Lewis, of Woodford Green, Essex, left estate valued at £1,050,410 net. Wallace Newnham, of Claverdon. Warwickshire, left estate valued at £1,116,207 net.

Maire Pottinger, of Willenhall, West Midlands, left estate valued at £1,087,355 net. Joyce Evelyn Peal, of Christchurch, Dorset, left estate valued at £1.181.926 net. She left shares in her estate to RNLI, RSPCA, RNIB, Salvation

Army, Barnardo's, Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Scope. James Martin Puddle, of Twickenham, Middlesex, left estate valued at £1.712.248 net. Cecilia Mary Sutcliffe. of Great Broughton, Middlesbrough, left estate valued at

£1.478.998 net. She left £5,000 to North Yorkshire branch, British Red Cross, and to South Tees branch, NSPCC: 52,000 to Sue Ryder Foundation; and £1,000 to Gardeners' Benevolent Society and to DGAA Homelife.

THE NEW PLANET

NEW YORK, March 14 The discovery of a new planet beyond Neptune was the result of 25 years' systematic search by the staff of the Lowell Obervatory at Flagstaff, Arizona, which began when Dr Percival Lowell, the founder of the Observatory, calculated that irregularities in the movements of Neptune indicated the presence of a body beyond that planet. A search of the skies by photograph was started then in accordance with Dr Lowell's calculations, and has continued to this day.

Early last year, according to the announce-

ment made by the Observatory yesterday, the Lawrence Lowell telescope, a highly efficient special instrument for the search, was put in operation. Some weeks ago (January 21) an object was detected by telescopic photography on a plate, which has since been carefully ed. It has been observed photographical ly with the large Lowell reflector by Mr C. O. Lampland, and it has been observed visually with the large refractor by various members of the staff. All the observations indicate that the object is the one which Dr Lowell saw mathematically. Two years before his death Dr Lowell published his "Memoir on a Trans-Neptunian Planer", in which he called

ON THIS DAY

March 15, 1930 **经国际特别**

After the spectacular space triumphs of recent times, the discovery, more than 60 years ago, of a not-very-visible planet (Pluto) may seem pretty small beer, but it gave astronomers plenty to talk about at the time.

the body yet to be discovered "Planet X." Referring to one of his mathematical calculations, he wrote, "It indicates the existence of an unknown body with a mass between those of Neptune and of the Earth, with a visibility of 12-13 magnitude, according to the albedo, and a disk of more than one second in diameter."

The Harvard astronomers believe that because of its tremendous distance from the . Sun it receives the light of the Sun with a brilliancy at most hardly exceeding that of moonlight, and they put the time it takes to go

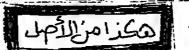
round the Sun at not less than 330 years. The distance of Planet X from the Sun has been estimated at Flagstaff as 45 times the distance of the Earth from the Sun. or 4,185,000,000 miles. It will be at least a month before the actual size and mass of the planet can be roughly determined, and probably several months before an accurate measure ment of its dimensions may be had.

Yesterday - when the announcement was made of the discovery of the planet which Dr Lowell had predicted would be found - was the birthday of the late astronomer.

The report from Lowell University of the discovery of a new planet was received with interest by astronomers in this country yesterday, and though confirmation cannot be obtained yet either from old photographs or by new observations at English observatories, there is a general tendency to accept the news as authentic, since it agrees with predictions already made and based on the disturbance of the planet Uranus, and in a lesser degree that

Observation is the more difficult because the planet is reported to be in a very thick part of the Milky Way. Sir Frank Dyson, the Astronomer Royal, said yesterday that its existence had been suspected for some time. having been deduced chiefly from the movements of Uranus.

of Neptune.



NEWS

Lorry tax could cost 50,000 jobs

British industry today delivers a severe post-Budget warning to the Government that its transport taxation policies could cost 50,000 jobs in three years and drive haulage companies

The country's leading industrial organisations have united to condemn Gordon Brown's big increases in fuel costs and taxes on commercial vehicles.....

Murdered girl was 'wonderful daughter'

■ The distraught parents of a murdered 17-year-old beautician, whose body was discovered in woodland on the edge of a Leicestershire village, told yesterday of the loss of a "wonderful" daughter. Police believe Rebecca Groves was sexually assaulted and strangled as she walked home from a pub in the village of Thringstone... Pages 1, 3

Boxing draw furore

American commentators joined the thousands of British boxing fans who made the trip to New York in denouncing the draw declared between Lennox Lewis and Evander Holyfield Pages 1, 5 the property

Labour 'not ready'

Tony Blair has been warned that thousands of Labour seats are at risk in the looming elections because the party's machine is not geared up for the fight Page 2

Computer chauvinism Computer showrooms are dominated by a macho culture that patronises women and ignores their growing purchasing power, a study has found.....

Violin could be a fake The authenticity of one of the greatest violins made by Antonio Stradivari has been called into question. The violin is owned by an Oxford museum......Page 4

Channel delays loom

Channel truckers and tourists face delays today as Calais port workers demonstrate over the threatened ending of duty free. The protesters are planning to block ferries and trains Page 4

Pinochet ruling near

The seven Law Lords deliberating on the fate of General Augusto Pinochet will announce the date of their ruling this week after wrestling with a complex split of Page 8 Abdullah Ocalan

Treasures threatened

Thousands of national treasures could be sold off and exported overseas following new Treasury rules forcing owners to allow the public unfettered access to viewPage 9

Tory rift over ballots

William Hague is headed for a rift with local Tory chiefs after they overwhelmingly backed plans to force MPs to seek reselection by secret ballot Page 10 Afghanistan deal

The two warring sides in Afghanistan reached an agreement that could bring the first signs of peace

to a country suffering from civil war for two decades.........Page 11 Seven die in Kosovo

The weekend brought the worst violence in Kosovo since peace talks began as three bomb attacks

left seven dead..... Page 12 Lafontaine lashes out An embittered Oskar Lafontaine broke his silence for the first time since resigning from the Finance Ministry and accused Gerhard Schröder's team of letting him

Ocalan revenge fears Two Kurdish groups have claimed responsibility for the firebombing of an Istanbul shopping complex in which 13 people died, raising fears of more terrorist acts

in retaliation for the abduction of

Magistrates get their hands dirty

An advertising campaign to recruit more working class people as magistrates and to rid the occupation of its blue-rinse image is launched today. Although there are no figures to provide an employment breakdown of the 30,000 magistrates in England and Waies, few are believed to come from manual jobs, where it is has always been harder to get time off......Page 8



THE TIMES TODAY

Kieron Clarke, the start marshall, eyes the skies at the British Snowboarding Association's Scottish championships in the Cairngorms

BUSINESS

Airports: The Government is prepared to surrender Heathrow's status as the world's busiest international airport in favour of expanding airports elsewhere Page 43 Banking: A campaign is underway amone the business community in France to prevent one of the country's large banks falling into for-

eign hands.... Page 45 Rover: The Government will today offer BMW a £200 million aid-forproductivity package to save the Rover plant at Longbridge and 10,000 jobs which are threatened by its closure..... Page 48 Accountancy: Deloitte & Touche is being investigated by the Institute

of Chartered Accountants of Eng-

land and Wales over its auditing of

Capital Corporation......Page 48

it with the commercial world is Paris's greatest challenge. Lisa Armstrong reports Pages 16, 17 LOTTEN SNEWBER

debate.....

1, 2, 15, 17, 24, 44 Bonus: 22 Five winners shared Saturday's £7.3 million National Lottery jackpot, each scooping £1,475,972.

FEATURES

Forget 2.4: Three is the new 2.4 -

the benchmark of the respectable,

middle class family unit. Whether

to have a third child is the current

Tools for Tolerance: A radical

course in race relations which is

educating police in Los Angeles has

been offered to Britain Page 15

Party mood: Blending creative spir-

Father's day. The 17th-century Italian painter Orazio Gentileschi is

better known as the father of Artemisia. The National Gallery seeks to restore his reputation as an artist in his own right..... _ Page 18 Big sound: Brian Setzer has reinvented the big band music of the 1940s and 1950s. His London gig showed it is paying off....... Page 18 Family business: With Edward Fox for a father and James Fox for an unde, Emilia Fox has stage in her blood. It just took her a little

Veteran returns: Nottingham Playhouse celebrates its 50th anniversary by luring John Neville back to star in Beckett's duologue for man and tape recorder, Krapp's Last

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

2 ARTS

Miriam Makeba returns to Britain for the first time in five years. no longer an exile from her homeland

I LAW Electronic tagging: a good idea. but will it work?

vesty." Srikumar Sen reports on the Holyfield-Lewis fight that ended in Pages 25, 27, 35 Footbell: Middlesbrough registered their first Premiership win of the year by beating SouthamptonPage 29

Boxing: The decision was a tra-

Terinis: 17-year-old Serena Williams won her second title in a row when she beat Steffi Graf in the final of the Evert Cup....... Page 26 Rugby union; Wasps defeated London Irish 38-27 at Loftus Road, proving that they are one of the strongest challengers in the Allied Dunbar Premiership......Page 37

Rugby league: Bradford Bulls turned on a rare performance of striking power that blew away Warrington Wolves to book their fifth Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final place in eight years..... Page 36

The enlargement of Nato to include Poland; Hungary and the Czech Republic is a watershed which makes the era of the Cold War seem as remote as the Middle Ages. But an expanded Nato is confronted with problems no less dangerous than the old East-West divide, including Belgrade's infransigence over Kosovo; and within the alliance itself, tensions between Greece and Turkey and Europe and the US. Nato has won, but is still in search of a precise definition of its post Cold War function.

La Repubblica, Rome

THE RESIDENCE

Preview: Jailbirds gets banged up with female criminals at New Hall Prison, Yorkshire. (BBC1, 9.30pm) Review: Paul Hoggart is bored with Comic Relief Pages 46, 47

S CONTROL : Excess load

A Budget geared to promoting competitiveness has piled harmful extra taxes on Britain's road haulage companies. The costs will be borne not by those who will lose their jobs, but felt throughout business and industry

Iranian overtures

President Khatami is not yet mas-. ter in the divided Iranian house. But his overtures to the West reflect real changes in Iran; and its spirited political movement deserves to

On the ropes

The putative heir to the rumble in the jungle and the "thriller in Manila" turned out to be "unfair in the

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Oskar Lafontaine did not resign just because he detests Gerhard Schröder, though undoubtedly he does. He resigned out of frustration, because he could not do his? Page 20

PETER RIDDELL

Europe's relations with the United States have become awkward and fractious. Tensions range from trade, via currencies, to defence. So there is a discordant note about the 50th anniversary of the Atlantic Page 20 Community...

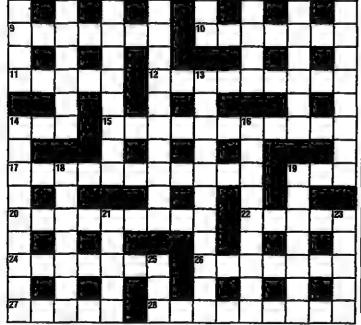
ANNA BLUNDY

By 1991 Mikhail Gorbachev, the last General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, had already been consigned to the pleasures of the international lecture circuit by his rival, Boris Yeltsin. It is fairly clear who got the better deal

General Sir William Jackson, former Governor of Gibraltar: Jaki Byard, jazz pianist; Sir Emmanuel Kaye, CBE, industrialist: William Mathieson, former Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Overseas Development.... . Page 23

Budget on transport costs; female circumcision; legal aid; women writers; laptop computers for teachers: Uganda and Sudan Page 24

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 21.051



- ACROSS
 1 Money Miss Borden got for old
- sion (5). 9 Rod has a dip when he discovers
- water (7).

 10 Ring accepted by speculator in gold, perhaps (7).

 11 Some were lured back for a sover-
- 12 Vague change accepted by husband in loving environment (9).

 14 Modest reduction of military unit
- 15 Of exceptional ability, but still not
- paid (11).

 17 Like a whole range of climbers' requisites (11).

 19 Damage or impair, ignoring the
 - odds (3).
 20 Notes haphazardly made about
 - Roman min (9). Parched Conservative goes in for bitter (5).
 - The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 21,050
 - will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

- 26 Boxer, perhaps, knocked out? Damn it! (7).
- Sycophant's n the present (5).
- I Riot over receiving head of Dan-ish royal house (5). 2 She, for example, gets yen after short time for something original
- 3 Shot on state thoroughfare furthest from border (9).
 Is a rator not unusual for Parsee?
- Decline of Mrs Browning, initial-6 Plant that's source of meat sauce
- (ii).
 7 Toil frantically to secure rent in Mediterranean port (7).

 Something that beats flattery as a sweetener? (4.5).

 Torm of aid the poor originally claimed for such treatment (11).
- 14 Dairy product politician fed to
- pet (9).

 16 Novel gains a lot, looking back wistfully (9).

 18 Firm still in the same premises? (/).
 19 Italian physicist's study assimilat-
- ed by girl out East (7). In royal circles, a vessel with ample space (5).
 23 Live with duke in some luxury (5).
 25 So unhealthy, by the sound of it
- Times Two Crossword, page 48

TIMES NEW SPAPERS LIMITED, 1900 Published and proued and literased for distribution in elec-tronic and all other derivative borns by Times Newspapers. Ltd. 190 Bm 495, Ventiona State. London El-WN Freinhorg 0717-28 5000 and of to promote at Kulture Read, Presont Memories LA UMN, tele-phone USI-S41 2001. Mondas. March 15, 1979. Registered as a newspaper at the Post Office.

AA INFORMATION 0134 401 744 0134 801 747 0234 401 748 0434 801 010 0134 401 188 0334 407 505 The Rest Office

410 341 410 341 416 342 410 399 414 390

of Other Met. Office **World City Weath**

Dul from your for handson, and may have so see in pall recess made

Cafe and charged at 50p per named at all temps

HOURS OF DARKNESS Sun rises: 6.15 am Sun sets: 6.04 cm Moon sets: 3.15 pm New moon March 17 New moon Matter 17 Landon 6.04 pm to 6.13 am Bristol 6.14 pm to 6.23 am Edintzurgh 6.15 pm to 6.27 am Manchester 6.12 pm to 6.23 am Penzance 6.26 pm to 6.35 am





Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N. Ireland: mainly cloudy and blustery with occasional rain and drizzle, especially over hills. Gusty SW wind, stowly easing. Max 12C (54F) Abordeen: which with patchy rain over hills at first, but brightening up along coast. Strong S wind, turning SW and easing: Max 12C (54F). If Cont Highlands. Moray Firth: early rain end strong winds will clear to give bright spells and scattered showers. Strong to gale S wind will turn SW and ease. Max 11C (52F) General: southern and central parts of

England and Wates fine with decent surmy penods after a misty start. Northern half of England and Wales cloudy, with crizzle in Cumbria. Scotland and N Ireland will start. Cloudy and windy with showery rain, chieth in the west. Southern Scotland and N irein the west. Southern Scotland end N Ire-land will stay largely cloudy with occasional patchy ram Northern Scotland should brighten up for a time with the strong winds easing; more ram will return this evening. Tongoit England and Wales fine with patchy fog and ground frost in the south; a little ram in far north of England Scotland mad and overzect with ram sweeping east-wards, locally beavy and prolonged over western hills. A little ram in Northern Ireland.

☐ London, SE, Cent S, SW England, E Anglia, Midiands, Channel Is, S Watest fine and very mild with good surny periods efter early must has cleared. Light, variable winds. Max 15C (SSP). ☐ E England: mostly dry, mild with the best surny intervals along coast, but cloud increasing. Mod SW wind. Max 14C (57F). ☐ N Wates, NW England, Lakes, lost: m'd and rather cloudy with druzzle possible m'd and rather cloudy with drizzle possible over hills. Mod SW wind Max 14C (57F). ☐ Cent N, NE England: mostly dry and mid: coudy with sunny Intervals in eastern fittings. Shot SW wind, locally gusty. Max 140 (57F).

 Republic of Ireland: cloudy in north and west. A little light ran in places. Wind SW manly moderate. Max 12C (54F) Outlooic overnight log and ground trost will clear to leave southern Britain line and relatively warm formorrow with good surrey spelts, the north rather cloudy with rain in parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland. Dorders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW

I ME Scotland, Orliney, Shattand: very windy morning with a southerly gale for a time, but winds will turn SW and ease later, it will start overcest with some rain; brighter with sunny spells and socially showers this effection. May 87 (1965)

stituting speak and squared showers the stitution on. Max 8C (46F).

In NW Scottamid: early rain and strong winds will dear to give surrey spells and scattered showers for a time, but rein will return later this afternoon. Strong to gate S wind will turn SW and ease. Max 11C (52F).

It seemstood showers to propose to the strong to gate S wind will turn SW and ease. Max 11C (52F).

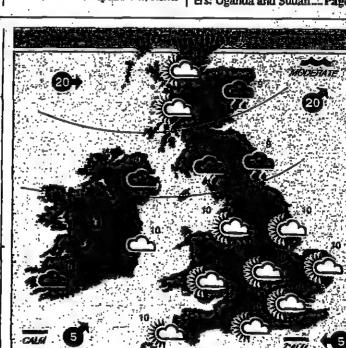
AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

Reari in OC1 Argiesey
Argiesey
Aspaira
Amemore
Bellast
Bernengte
Booner
Bountert
Bostol
Bucor
Cardil 001

FOR SCHOOLS

002 001 100 100 002

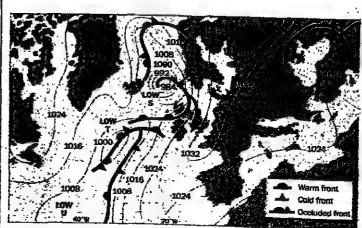
THE PROPERTY OF STREET

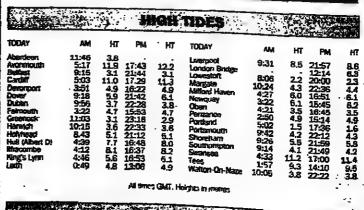


Changes to the chart below from noon, low S will continue northwards with little change.

Low T will move northwards, followed by low U. The high pressure over the near

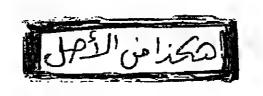
Continent will remain in situ.





MONEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: highest day maic Poole, Dorset, 15C (59F); lowest day maic Tulloch Bridge, Highland, 8C (46F); most rainfall; Loch Glascamoch, Highland, 0.51in; most sunstitue: Bognor Regis, W Sussex, and Folkestone, Kent, 10.7hr



171

C. B. Walk

Bank

ا شاسه

*

 $(a_1, \ldots, a_m)^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

.

3020

73:2 Same of the second

The State of the S

Say Par

30

A Se king!

Trick 181 181 1

12.7

Make m.



Gamble in Milan

Oliver Holt on a twist in the Ronaldo saga page 31



Keegan's choice

Matt Dickinson awaits the new England era

page 34



Faldo faces failure

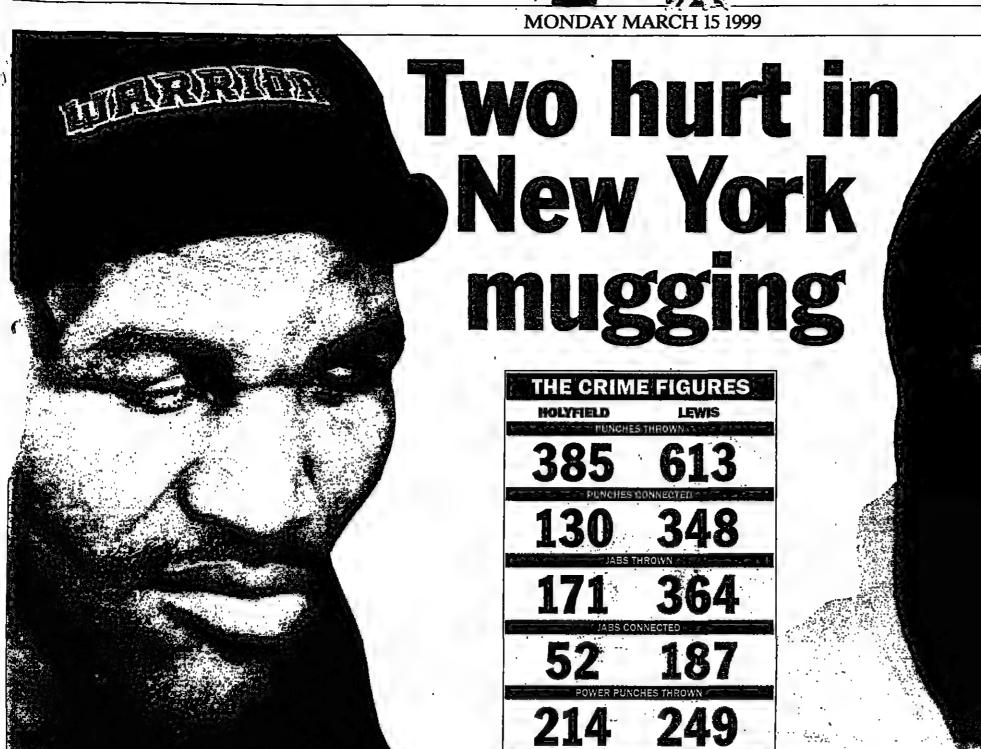
John Hopkins talks to a fallen chambiór



Pride of Cheltenham

Michael Hourigan hopes to strike Festival gold page 38

IIMES



Lewis answered every question his severest critics have asked of him ever since his second-round defeat by Oliver McCall five 'ears ago. He met Evander Holyfield for the undisputed world heavyweight title here at Madison Square Garden on Saturday and beat the IBF and WBA champion out of sight. But when the result was announced, Lewis, the WBC champion, was shocked to find he had been cheated of the unified title by the judges calling the contest a draw. It was mainly the work of one judge who was not watching the same fight not seen by 300 mil-

ON OTHER PAGES

Fans' disgust Judging row Leading article. Rob Hughes Sports letters Lynne Truss. Simon Barnes...

lion people all over the world. The decision was a travesty and will only serve to confirm the belief that the detractors of boxing have always held, that it is not so much a sport as a racket for keeping sleazy luminaries in business. Both the champion and the challenger have been damaged by such a controversial outcome.

There is no way in which Lewis, 33, could have lost the contest. On my scoring — and that of many others - he was clearly the winner by nine rounds to three, giving Holyfield, in the process, a lesson in the finer points of boxing strategy. He outmanoeuvred Holyfield, who was supposed to dominate close in, inside

and outside. When the scorecards were gathered up from the three udges - Larry O'Connell, of ritain. Stanley Christodou-Ju. of South Africa. and Eugenia Williams, of the United States - and a draw was

Lennox Lewis was robbed of the world heavyweight title by flawed judging. Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent, examines an outrageous case of theft in New York

announced, Lewis was so surprised that he dropped his head on the shoulders of a cornerman and shook it over and over again in disbelief. But. after the decision, even those in the crowd who had made the contest a draw agreed that Lewis had gained a moral victory.

"I'm so disappointed," Lewis said. "It was my time to shine and they ripped me off." Then, with typical modesty, he handed the credit for his victory to his trainer Emanuel Steward. "He is a great trainer. He's a trainer of champi-

So disgusted was the anchorman of the TVKO pay-perpresentation by the view result, that Jim Lampley was moved to say "Boxing's cesspool opened up to give an unconscionable odour". To the American public he said: "You have seen the fight. Lennox Lewis was the winner and two judges converted it to a draw. Lennox won it in every way imaginable. The draw means there is no undisputed champion but there should be."

If apology was needed for the unjustified ridicule and soom that American boxing writers have poured on Lewis. it was given in a moving tribute by the country's top boxing commentator. Larry

Merchant. He said on television: "It is almost beyond a stench. Lennox Lewis suffered so many slings and arrows in America. He has had a really wonderful career and despite being the best fighter in the heavyweight division he has been shamelessly avoided by everyone in this decade.

"He came here to fight the best of the best right now, decithroughout, beat Holyfield up and didn't get a decision. I'm ashamed as a boxing fan and as an American who has seen this foreigner take so much sruff from the other people simply because he is not American. His great moment of glo-

ry was taken away from him." Don King, who is Holyfield's promoter, yesterday called for an immediate re-

one because it would prevent the world organisations from putting forward unworthy mandatory contenders, the bout is unlikely to happen.

Yesterday the three boxing bodies - the International Boxing Federation (IBF), the World Boxing Association (WBA) and the World Boxing



Lewis claims victory, only to be denied by the judges

match to resolve the dispute. Council (WBC) - agreed that While the idea seems a good a rematch should take place as soon as possible, though this would not be before the autumn. However, it would be against their rules, which require Holyfield, 36, to have one contest before a rematch is

> But Seth Abraham, the head of Time Warner Sport, is against the idea. He was happy for Lewis to hold his next de-fence in London in July if he won the undisputed title, but he says he will not entertain a Lewis-Holyfield rematch.

braham said: "Holyfield has to make a mandatory defence against Henry Akinwande. Let him do that first." No doubt Abraham realises that Lewis's demand for a rematch will be far greater than the £10 million that he received against Holyfield's £18 million for Saturday's fight, now that he is universally accepted as the people's champion. Meanwhile, Akinwande, another British boxer, was indicating yesterday that he might be willing to stand aside if circumstances were

The statistics of the Holyfield-Lewis contest will cause questions to be asked as to how Williams, the American judge who gave the contest to Holyfield on points, 115-113, and O'Connell, who scored the fight even at 115-115 came to their conclusions. Lewis threw a total of 613 punches and Holyfield 385. Lewis landed 348 of those. Holyfield only 130; 187 of Lewis's jabs connected while only 52 of Holyfield's got through. And of the power punches. Lewis came out on top by 161 to 78. In no round did Holyfield

lasted a hundred years.

land more blows than Lewis and in five rounds Holyfield did not connect with more than nine punches, while Lewis's tally went into the twenties and thirties for all the rounds but the first.

It was lucky for Lewis that he did not lose the twelfth and final round because, in spite of winning the whole contest by a wide margin in the eyes of the crowd. Holyfield would have been declared the winner if Lewis had lost that round. That would have been unbearable for the British

Dino Duva, Lewis's co-pro-moter, said he had been unhappy with the appointment of Williams and had tried to have her replaced. "She's very experienced," Duva said, "very experienced in making bad decisions." Lewis's promoter, Panos Eliades, wanted to know how it was possible that the WBC had put forward O'Connell as a judge when only recently he had officiated at the contest between Oscar de la Hoya and Ike Quartey. "Surely there should be rota-tion of judges." he said. In fact, in that fight O'Connell was the one judge that gave Quarty the

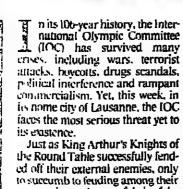
The victory for Lewis, and it was a victory no matter what the judges say, gave me greater pleasure than any boxing match I have seen, including the one in which Holyfield exposed Mike Tyson. This is not only because it has ended all the jokes about British heavyweights being of the horizontal variety but also brought to an end American domination of the division that has

But most of all I am pleased for Lewis for it was a personal triumph over his American critics. Perhaps, like the way they had to change their tune about another man in another time. Muhammed Ali, when he became the people's champion after his defeat by Joe Frazier in 1971, the Americans will at last show Lewis some YOU'VE GOT TO BE MAD TO pay twice as much AS YOU NEED TO for phone calls.



profit this year, the penny obviously hasn't THINK 300,000 customers. So don't get mad. Get even. 0800 458 5858

Keepers of the flame must renew allegiances



Just as King Arthur's Knights of the Round Table successfully fended off their external enemies, only to succumb to feuding among their own ranks, so the very fabric of the Olympic movement is now threataned by some of the IOC members charged with the task of preserv-

ing the ideals of the Games. The world of sport is watching and waiting with concern and expectation. At least six members face expulsion at the 106th session on Wednesday and Thursday - a vote that requires a two-thirds majority of the 110 remaining 10C members. Four have resigned already over the same bribery

at the issues to be addressed if the Games are to survive scandal and corruption secured the 2002 Winter Olympics.

scandal waiting to happen. In 1976, Monique Berlioux, the IOC's former executive director, wrote that, even in the 1920s, members were offered first-class travel for themselves and their wives. increasingly, however, receptions, gifts and lavish dinners have been used by candidate cities to persuade members in the ballots.

The outcry over the selection of

sites for the Games was always a

What had not been revealed prevously, although long suspected, was the frequency with which money or other layours were used by cities desperate to stage the world's biggest sports festivals. As the Games had become increasingly commercial, television companies and sponsors began to pay huge sums of money to be associated with the event. The television rights for the 1980 Winter Olym-

pics in Lake Placid cost £10 million; for 2002 in Salt Lake City, the visit to the Far East, have sent back presents - without thanks. price is £300 million. Others have not been so scrupu-

The future of the Olympic movement is at stake this week. John Goodbody looks

Leading competitors in the most popular sports, such as athletics and skiing, have also become hugely rich - the word amateur was deleted from the Olympic charter in 1973. It is no wonder that some IOC members have become tainted by the atmosphere of opulence. In 1986, the IOC limited gifts to members to a maximum of £100.

so the lobbying had to be done in secret, and this was complicated by the fact that guidelines on what was and what was not permissible had never been drawn up. Certainly, members received lavish meals, first-class flights (some redeemed for cash). luxury hotels,

offers of prostitutes and eventually bribes. Some members, such as

the Princess Royal, who will miss

the meeting this week because of a

now that Pandora's box has been prised open, even the number of peanuts consumed by members in hotel lobbies round the world is being scrutimised. he IOC has to act decisively this week. Sponsors have warned that they want corruption eliminated before the

build-up in marketing begins this summer for the 2000 Olympics in

lous. Some have argued that cities

giving donations to the favourite

sporting charities of members or development projects in their own

countries should be allowed. They

argue that these gifts are for the

benefit of Olympic sports, often in Third World countries. However,

side members, will be proposed to change the rules and structure of the IOC. Among the suggestions is that future members should have a fixed term and usually represent national Olympic committees or international sports federations. At the moment, the IOC selects its members who represent the organisation in their own countries.

process for the selection of Games sites. A 15-member panel is expect-ed to choose the two finalists for each summer and winter Games and the membership would then vote, although they would do so without necessarily having seen the facilities in those countries:

There will also be a new voting

countries to the IOC.

The IOC has two fears this week. The first is that there will be Sydney. At a meeting this week, a considerable short-term damage if reform commission, including out- any of the six — Lamine Keita any of the six - Lamine Keita (Mali), Agustin Arroyo (Ecuador). Zein El Abdin Ahmed Abdel Gadir (Sudan), Sergio Santander Fantini (Chile), Jean-Claude Ganga (Congo) and Seruli Paul Wallwork (Samoa) — having been formally expelled from the IOC, reveals. hitherto undisclosed details of further corruption by their former col-leagues. The second is that the allegations over corruption in the bidding of other contending cities for Olympic Games will linger.

Juan-Antonio Samaranch seems certain to be confirmed as president until he voluntarily resigns in 2001. The members, either official-They are not delegates from those ly or unofficially, will back him in a vote of confidence. He is not prea vote of confidence the is not pro-pared to take responsibility for the crisis, even if he was aware, or should have been aware, how much abuse of the Olympic ethos. has occurred. On taking office, every IOC member has to swear to "keep myself free from any politi-cal and commercial influence." Under Samaranch's 19-year presi-dency, too many have not followed the letter or the spirit of their oath.

Canterbury take a giant leap

By CATHY HARRIS AND SYDNEY FRISKIN

CANTERBURY secured the first division title and a place in next season's women's National League premier divi-sion for the first time when they beat Bradford 2-1. Nikki Litchfield scored the

winning goal from a penalty corner two minutes after Jill Barker had equalised for Bradford. After losing to Loughborough Students in February, the Kent club put together a five-match unbeaten run which secured promotion. Denise Baker, the coach, said: "We've been close in the last four or five years and it just goes to show what a good finish and loads of self-belief

Chelmsford, who were relegated three years ago, were also celebrating automatic promotion when goals by Julie Parrott, Jo Green, Tracy Willmore and Kath Fordham ensured a comfortable win at Aldridge Woking of the second division, stormed to the championship with an unbeaten record after a convincing

Four goals by Mark Pears enabled Reading to defer.
Old Loughtonians 7-3 in the Old Loughtonians 7-3 in the men's National League presmier division match at Chigwell yesterday, a result that underlined the potential of the winners, who were without Wyatt and Robinson, of New Zealand. The win pushes Reading up to third position above Canterbury.

Crutchley also hit the target four times as Cannock, the

four times as Cannock, the League leaders, hammered East Grinstead 13-3. Pidoock, Johnson and Giover each added two goals while Gibson scored twice for East Grinstead:

Southgate kept up the chase with a 4-2 away victory over Canterbury, for whom Mathews converted two short corners. Rott scored twice for Southgate with further goals being added by Kerry and Wil-

liams from a short corner.
Guildford's chances of finishing in the top four receded after a 6-2 defeat by Bourn-ville, for whom Grummit scored four goals.

IN BRIEFS

Cummings's bid at the age of 17, to outride many of

seniors in the Mersey Roads

three-stage 192km road race at the weekend was a sparkling success after the first two stages when he

became the overall race leader (Peter Bryan writes).

But his moment of truth

came in the 134km stage

through Flintshire yesterday,

when he had to give best to

his elders. He finished 14th

overall, 2min 33sec behind

CYCLING: Stephen



Jie Schopp, 31, who was born in China but now lives in Germany, is in determined mood as she powers to victory against the rising French star, Anne Boileau, 23, in the final of the English Open table tennis championships at Great Yarmouth yesterday. In the men's final, the former world No 2, Ma Wenge, of China, beat Kim Taek Soo, of South Korea

GOLF: SPANIARD COMES OUT ON TOP IN HIS OWN BACK YARD

Jimenez dances to the happy tune of victory

FROM MEL WEBB IN MALAGA

MIGUEL ANGEL JIMENEZ went wandering among the sands of the Costa del Sol yesterday and dug up a bountiful haul of buried treasure. Jimenez was a lost soul as he embarked on the inward half of his final round in the Turespaña Masters, his once-handsome lead disappearing fast. Only a moment of inspiration was going to save him; and he found not one, but two, before

going on to win with a total of 264, 24 under par. Jimenez led by five strokes oing into the round at the Parador Malaga del Golf but had fallen from grace by shedding three shots to par in three holes from the seventh. A threat was being mounted by Steve Webster, the tough little Englishman, and Raphael Jacquelin, of France, and Jimenez

suddenly looked vulnerable. Things did not look a great deal better when he put his second shot into a greenside bunker on the tenth, but he retrieved the situation in the grandest manner by splashing out and watching as the ball trickled gently into the hole for

He had a stroke of downright good fortune when a comlith to allow him to save par when at least a double bogey loomed. He was not yet out of trouble, but at least his game and his mood had been put

back into kilter. With five holes to play, he was only one stroke ahead of Webster and did not look likely to extend his advantage when he dumped his second shot into a greenside bunker on the par-five 14th. Surely he could not pull off the great escape again. He could, and did. This time, the ball came out of the sand at pace but, like a heat-seeking missile. It



bounced, looked for the hole and found it. Eagle three; three ahead again; the tourna-

A birdie on the 16th was, at once, satisfying and totally irrelevant as he finished with a 67. By now, Webster's push had lost its impetus, but a closing 66, that put him into sec-ond place four strokes behind Jiménez, was still a doughty effort. Neither he nor Jacquelin, who finished third, did not fail, but they had pirted themselves against a man on a mission, a Malagueno who was playing not just for him-self, but for his people. Jimén-ez, thus, became the first man to defend successfully a title on the European Tour for two years and his score had been beaten only twice in the tour's history. The invitation to play in the US Masters that arrived on Friday evening was the

£59,500 icing on the cake. This was the fifth victory of fimenez's career and, because it had been produced on his doorstep, the most precious. All that remained to complete the celebration was the dancing of an impromptu fandango in the media centre. You won't catch Colin Montgomerie hopping a post-victory reel any time soon.

A 350 Gareth Sheppard, the race 21 A winner. BOWLS: Eileen Bell, who first played for Ireland 33 years ago, will compete in

£ 15.

the final of the British women's indoor pairs championship in her home Belfast stadium today, after she skipped Kathleen Megrath to an exciting 22-20 extra-end victory over Paula Summerfield and Joanna Jones, the young Weish champions. yesterday. Using their local knowledge, the Irish pair careered into a 16-4 lead after ten ends, but Summerfield and Jones fought back superbly, forcing the extra end when they tied the scores 20-20 after the full 21 ends.

E SKIING: Lasse Kjus, of Norway, won the men's overall World Cup title after he threw caution aside in the final race of the season yesterday. The world champion had languished in 15th place after the first leg of the giant slalom, but a blistering second run lifted him to seventh and brought the points necessary to see off Kjetil Andre Aamodt, his main rival. Michael von Gruenigen, of Switzerland, won the race in a total time of 2min 4_33sec to reclaim the giant slalom title that he lost to Hermann Maier, of Austria, last season.

BASKETBALL: Sheffield Sharks moved up to within two points of Manchester Giants, the Budweiser League leaders, yesterday. with a hard-earned 63-60 victory over Milton Keynes Lions at Bletchley. The Out-of-touch Sharks missed 12 of their 25 free throws and trailed for most of the game but they rallied in the final 🌉 quarter to secure victory. helped by 23 points from Terrell Myers.

Matthew edges into frame CATRIONA MATTHEW. FROM PATRICIA DAVIES the year, in Florida, but is

the Solheim Cup player from North Berwick, was handily placed to challenge for the title yesterday after a third round of 65. seven under par. in the Welch's/Circle K Charnoionship at Randolph North here in Tucson.

"She just passed the world." one contender said. The round, which equalled the best of the week, catapulted the Scot into contention, just three shots behind the American veteran. Dale Eggeling. who was out in front on 204. 12 under par. The irrepressible Dottie Pepper, the perennial scourge of Europe in the

Solheim Cup, was alongside Michele Redman, a fellow American, on 205, with Nancy Stranton and Hollis Staty on Four years ago here, Mat-

thew, in her rookie season on the US tour, was rushed to hospital and had to have emergency surgery to remove an ovarian cyst, so it would only be poetic justice if she were to win her first US title now, Matthew has had a steady

start this season after sharing fifth place in the Healthsouth inaugural, the first event of quietly confident after win-ning the McDonald's WPGA Championship of Europe at

Gleneagles last August. It was her maiden victory in Europe and secured her a place in the Solheim Cup team. It also gave her the invaluable boost that only winning brings. "I want to win a tournament this year," she said of her American ambitions. "And to finish in the top 30 on the money list."

Matthew's parents missed her round because they were sightseeing in Tombstone, but they are certain to be watching the final shoot-out.

Post and a se Injustice takes

lacklu

saved

ringside seat

gent course of the course of t भाग र वे साम्बर्ग । मुख्य सूत्री

Control of the state of the sta oursed where per of the silven the kind light of the state of Block Of the Sand in a supped the continue of the ball of the continue of the co Sertification : A Company of the State of the S The make marketing the

with the first figure

er itter i ege jegig.

The state of the state of

to the latest unit of the latest latest unit of the latest unit of the

and and Bed border in the second secon

the biggest title of her career. beating one of the greatest champions of the women's game, her second successive tournament victory taking her winning streak to II matches and her father promises to take her to McDonald's. Still, the 17-year-old seemed

ALL THINGS considered. it

does not seem like much of a

prize - Serena Williams wins

Williams learns

about self-belief

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN INDIAN WELLS, CALIFORNIA

happy enough. On Saturday Williams defeated Steffi Graf 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 to win the Evert Cup, so pocketing a cheque for \$200,000 - more than enough to buy burgers for the

whole family. From being a promising and powerful hopeful, Williams has suddenly grown up. In the last few weeks she has proved that she has what it

takes to be a champion. The physique and the athleticism were never in doubt - but now she has the belief and the application to fight, to dig herself out of trouble and, ulti-

mately, to win. And it shows.
"I think I realised one day

in practice that I had to make

Graf second service, standing waiting to leather the ball into Only in the second set did Williams let up. Her service went off the boil slightly and another break at the start of the third set had her heading for the title until Williams after three games because of a

changes to my game if I wanted to get to the top level," she "It was about three weeks ago, before I won in Paris, when I realised that I cun't keep going out there and if I want to be a top player." That is as maybe but not many players go into a match against Graf thinking they really ought to win. For the first set on Saturday, Wil-

liams's sheer power was staggering. She hammered the a yard inside the baseline and Graf took full advantage and

called for an injury time-out later Williams had levelled the scores and a few minutes later a couple of forehand

knee problem. Five games errors cost Graf the match.

free £10

Affordable life assurance?

Choose the options that suit you.

200 of life Cover for just 20p A DAY It's natural to what what sheet for your family But how would they cope insucedly it you were no longer to and in provide for them?

The Family Protection Plan from Legal & General will

help to protect them financially with the cash lump sum if you should the campy the term of the policy. You decide her much cover you want and how long too, need it for And you have a

range of optional extras for even graces parce of bund. For full THE BRITISH INSURANCE actions and an instant question. rediction in OFGA 33 Co. Soft makes

Low-cost term assurance - can give you over £53,200 of cover for a premium as little as 200' a day

V Critical illness Cover - pays out if you are discovered with a service illness as defined by the policy ✓ Terminal Tilness Cover - pays out if your are diagnosed. with a terminal diness where your life expectancy is less

than 12 months, except in the last 18 months of the plan

✓ Wairer of Premium - pays your monthly premium if you can't look for more than 6 months due to ill besith

✓ Indexation - maintains the value of your insured sum by increasing it, and your premiums, aroundly in line with inflation as indicated by the Retail Price Index

Equivalent to fators a month of each of the control of the second of Second Minimum premium of \$5.00 per month equates to 1793 dec. Premiums accepted on a months base only 15%, to consecut to the legal of second Assumed Sudery Landed. Full written details available on request. Now and then we may tell you thou report to that the entrol of the 15% the legal of terroid to up of companies that we believe may be of anterest to you if you would prefer not to receive this can offer a the control of the legal of terroid the other than the control of the legal of terroid the other than the control of the legal of terroid the other than the control of the legal of terroid the legal of terroid the legal of t

on the Level & General Farish Protection Plan Post to Legal & General, PREEPOST (SW.C.046*), Cardiff CF1 (YW

Date of Sorth _____/___/ in a specie T We may religibling you to make sure your information has

arrived safely Now and then we may tell you about other products of services offered by the Legal & General Gump discompanies that we believe may be of interest to soil If you would prefer not to receive this carefully selected colorination please to k here \square



Marsholar ...



Lewis paws Holyfield away with his left hand, with which he dictated the contest, with his right cocked to inflict further punishment on an opponent who rarely overcame disadvantages in weight and reach. Photograph: Kathy Willens

Lacklustre Holyfield saved by the judge

IT WAS supposed to be agony in the Garden for Lennox Lewis, but it turned out that it was Evander Holyfield, the man of God, who did not have a prayer. The American was

supposed to demolish Lewis in the third round but from the first bell it was clear that Holyfield would be unlikely to fulfil his prophecy, although having been put off his stride placed jabs, Holyfield did then make a desperate attempt to justify his prediction.

From the bell, he rushed after Lewis and battered him around the ring. For just a moment it seemed that he would succeed in forcing a stoppage. But the bigger man, after swaying around in some disarray and covering up, was able to survive by retreating behind a iab that had no more than nuisance value.

Holyfield did not have a back-up plan. He had said he would not need one as the fight would certainly end in the third. Now, as his corner scratched around for alternatives. Holyfield could not come To with anything other than desperate lunges in an attempt to get past Lewis's extended

As rounds went by, Holy-field looked older, a forlorn shadow of the man who had a few weeks earlier in Houston. Texas, been so full of the joys of boxing. In the end, he was

completely exhausted and even as he went back to his corner, before slumping onto his stool, he knew he had been beaten and that the title was going back to Britain after 102

But Eugenia Williams, the American judge, came to his aid by making him the winner by 115-113, which meant that with Larry O'Connell's draw. 115-115, and Stanley Christodoulou's win for Lewis by 116-113, the contest was draw. The unified title would not, after all, be crossing the Atlantic.

At the post-fight press con-ference. Holyfield could hardly stand without leaning on the table. As he waited for questions, he swayed back

and forth, the muscles twitching in his bruised and battered face. A man kept calling, "get a doctor, get a doctor. In the event, Holyfield was able to field the questions without medical aid, but the public did not need the judges' score cards to tell them the winner.

It was good to see the New

Lewis mercilessly all week, screaming, "Robbery!" on the front page, and "D-raw deal" Before a sell-out crowd of 21,284, among them Michael Douglas and Jack Nicholson.

Lewis began confidently, tak-ing the light to Holyfield and jabbing him round the ring. Holyfield was not difficult to hit and Lewis's gloves must have felt like a cricket ball in

3F LI	Ļυ	EĤ	ŞIĐ	M	بال	12	ijΞ	зòг)GE	خخ	CŲ	KEL	ŲŲ.
Air in		57		RRY	0.0	ЭŅ	ŅĘĽ	(Bri	taln)		N. E		
Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Tota
Holyfield	9	9	10	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	10	9	115
Lewis	10	10	9	10	10	9	10	9	9	10	9	10	115
Hotellald	***		10 10	Y CH	্য	0 <u>0</u> 20	O TILLO	0 (Sc 10	uth A	nica)	10	0	113
Hotyfleid Lewis	9 10	9 10	10 9	9 10	9 10	9 10	9 10	10 9	10 9	10 9	10	_9 _10	113
		10		10		10	10	9	- = .	9		-1	
		10	9	10		10	10	9	9	9		-1	

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, IN NEW YORK procession of winning rounds his face. Cheered on by his defor Lewis, with the jab, the chopping right and, when

close in, a short right upper-

cut, piling up the points. Holy-

field had his moments but was

unable to take advantage of

any of them. Lewis either held

or moved out of range quickly.

Throughout Lewis boxed

with care but not without flair.

boxer and can be relied on to

unleash beautiful punches

and made one further attempt,

in the tenth, to land a knock-

out punch. He caught Lewis

with two blows and forced

him to hold. As Holyfield put

on the pressure. Lewis seemed

to be weakening somewhat

but he somehow managed to

prevent clean blows landing

on his chin.In the eleventh,

Holyfield tried to follow up

this momentary advantage but Lewis, with his pawing

The last round was a good

one for Lewis, as realising he

was well ahead, he shimmied

and danced round Holyfield.

picking him off easily with the

jab. At the bell, he raised his

right hand to signify victory.

But as lustily as his supporters

acknowledged his signal, their

cheers soon turned to boos

when the official result was

jab, kept him out.

Holyfield was not finished

inside from all angles.

lighted supporters, numbering around 7,000, the World Boxing Council champion took the second round with remarkable ease. After his failed attempt to finish Lewis off in the third, Holyfield appeared to look tired and ring-weary.

In the fifth round, his best Holyfield, Lewis had a chance to knock out the double champion. As Holyfield trapped Lewis in a neutral corner and tried to bore in. Lewis neatly turned him and clouted him on top of the head with a big

It was a punch that Lewis had always hoped to land ever since seeing Holyfield disoriented by a blow to the temple. This punch landed a little higher than the temple but had the desired effect. Holyfield staggered backwards to the ropes, his head snagged in the top one. He was clearly in trouble, for he he stood there just looking at Lewis.

After a couple of prods to see that his opponent was not feigning, Lewis unleashed a jab and two rights but still Holyfield did not reply. Then, after a couple more blows, he appeared to wake up and rushed at Lewis, landed two blows but was not able to

'It was my time to shine

Lewis a dual winner even if ultimate prize goes begging ROB HUGHES From then on it became a

winner without the crown, but decidedly a more mature and better man this morning. As he stood in Madison Square Garden in the early hours of yesterday morning, he had two-thirds of what he came for: the respect of the boxers of the world as well as what all of them crave - money. His efforts mean his bank balance £6.65 million) healthier.

What he lacked, and what no amount of lamentation over the decidedly inept judging will rectify, was the title of being the only British-born heavyweight this century to be acclaimed "undisputed champion of the world".

There is still time, especially as Evander Holyfield, his opponent on Saturday night. has since said repeatedly that there will be a rematch. And if the accountancy is true, if this bout in New York has generaled something approaching \$70 million in takings, then even against the better judgment of those who might care for the palpably declining Holyfield, there will indeed be a second contest to unify the titles before this year is through. Whether having fans will

be lured to it with quite such anticipation, or with belief. that justice can be delivered in the ring, is another matter. For if there was neither a winner nor a loser in the eyes of the supposedly independent three judges, then boxing itself is on the ropes. Some followers cling to the belief that the sport is indestructible; yet in the ring on Saturday. especially when two wom-en fought a bloody con-

test on the undercard, it looked absolutely perishable. It will be even harder to protect if more verdicts go the way of this one. In the aftermath of the

contest, after the majority of 21,284 spectators had dispersed. Larry Merchant, a veteran Washington reporter, said: "I'm ashamed to be a fight fan and an American." Others bandied around

unacceptable words, they said the contest was "a fix". "a tragedy". The second of those two statements rankles deeply, for neither boxer, nor the sport, suffered a tragedy. Tragedy is what befell an 18-yearold basketball player in Colombus, Indiana, earlier in the day, for he, a freshman standing 7ft tall, collapsed and died on the court. The newspapers in New York did not find a paragraph for him. He remained anonymous. With all the clamour at

Madison Square, all the celebrities drawn like a magnet, neither Lewis por Holyfield would begin or end this night remotely anonymous. Up to 6,000 Lewis supporters had flown to New York, or were they merely the underclass of Wembley Stadi-

at Madison Square Garden

um, foul-mouthed nationalistic representatives who reviled and whistled down anything and everything American, including the supremely sung national anthem by D'Angelo. The crowd, apart from a tiny handful, included people who could not tolerate the dignity of a cathedral hush while ten bells tolled in respect to New York's baseball idol, Joe DiMaggio. But officialdom in the

United States, too, can be crass. After Lewis had entered the arena in a passive, almost trance-like state to reggae music, after Holyfield had come in singing aloud to a gospel theme, the announcer

'The scoring of the fifth round was baffling?

solemnly declared that "in the world's most famous arena, Madison Square Garden, we present the undefeated, undisputed beer of the world. Budweiser". They know, in Don King land, how to really stoke the inappropriate.

So it was almost a mercy to turn the glare solely on two men seeking to punch the other into submission, almost a relief to finish the night arguing about nothing but the state of mind of judges. The three of them, Larry O'Connell, from Britain, Eugenia Williams, from the United States, and Stanley Christodoulou. concurred precisely half of what they

They gave rounds one and two unanimously to Lewis. Then, they rightly afforded Holyfield the third round the round he had promised to secure victory. However, after that, the judges could not agree again until they recorded the eighth and ninth rounds both to Holyfield, and the twelfth and last round in unison to Lewis.

I do not have the expertise to dispute why the judges came to their respective contempts of Williams to fend off American interrogators after she had scored the bout by two clear rounds to her coun-

tryman, beggars belief. The scoring of the fifth round, in particular, was baffling. The New York State Athletic Commission's handwritten scorecard showed a puzzling discrimination over a round that Lewis dominated his left jab seemingly never to stray from the target of

Holyfield. O'Connell gave the round to Lewis, yet the total he recorded was difficult to Christodoulou decipher. actually altered his verdict, or the recordist did. But Williams scored the round, clearly, and amazingly, to Holyfield, despite the computer registering 43 contacts by Lewis to a pairry 11 by Holy-

It was crucial judging, it was also a turning point. For in America, where aggression counts more than style. Lewis appeared from that round to be controlled to the point of

He has a dignity strange to the jungle of heavyweight fighting - so much so that Americans such as Angelo Dundee, formerly the mentor Muhammad Ali, accuse him of not giving 100 per cent. It is almost as if, with his

man on the run, he does not want to devastate, or destroy, another human being in the ring. To be fair, given the warrior reputation of Holyfield, and given that only Lewis could decide whether his opponent remained dangerous and unimpaired by the continual sting of his own blows, he should be entitled to control the bout the

way he wishes. When Lennox Lewis is 50 years old." Lewis himself, in his characteristic way using the third person, has said. "he's going to be able to get out of bed. When Evander Holyfield is 50, I don't think

he'll be able to speak." That was a reference to his own caution, to his inner control, his almost Olympian belief that boxing should be about how you score the points instead of how you can debilitate an opponent, or risk debilitation. Ultimately, in the madding arena at Madison Square, this strange passivity. this contradiction to the raw code of boxing, contributed in preventing the undisputed title from escaping America's

But tragic? Absolutely not. That may come if there is a re-match, for looking at the resigned. almost apologetic Holyfield, one was bound to recall the sign in a car parked overnight at Central Park: Tank empty," it read, "ignition not connected." Holyfield, after so many unholy wars, is almost empty as a world title contender.

.1177H. Y

Injustice takes a ringside seat

John Goodbody chronicles a history of

contentious refereeing decisions

THE judgment of referces and umpires has always provoked controversy in sport. Over the centuries their decisions have delighted some and outraged others.

There was widespread criticism of the referee when Randolph Turpin lost his World Middleweight title in New York in 1951 to Sugar Ray Robinson. The referee stopped the contest Turpin taking heavy punishment but with only eight seconds remaining. Even if he had gone down. Turpin would have lasted until the next round to fight an opponent who had suffered

a badly-cut cye. Henry Cooper, another of Britain's most popular boxers, lost his Commonwealth, European and British heavyweight titles in a most contentious decision when Harry Gibbs, at the time the premier referee in Britain, gave Joe Bugner the points verdict in 1971. Few people at ringside

There have been international disputes in both ice skating and gymnastics, both of which rely entirely on officials' opinions. Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean lost the Olympic title in 1994 when eight of the nine judges were not influenced by the more theatrical routines of the Britons. preferring the more technical exhibition of the Russian winners.

In gymnastics the Romanian team was ordered home by its Government from the 1977 European championships after a marking row over Nadia Comaneci, the 1976 Olympic champion.

Football also produces contentious decisions. Who can forget Newcastle's overthe-byline-cross brought the equaliser against Arsenal in the 1932 FA Cup semi-final, Geoff Hurst's goal in the 1966 World Cup final or the "hand of God" incident involving Diego Maradona in the 1986 World Cup?

LENNOX LEWIS: "I'm so dis-REACTION

appointed. It was my time to shine and they ripped me off. I'm the undisputed champion of the world and the whole world knows that. What happened there is what you call politics. I felt like I won the fight hands down. Holyfield should give me those belts. He knows they are mine."

EVANDER HOLYFIELDS "There ain't nothing like a man who, when he gets an opportunity, he shines. The man [Lewis] really shined. I never said he wasn't tough. The man showed he was tough. I'm not disappointed. I did all I could. The judges make the decision and I have to live with it. I can still get him. I guess I did the best I could. That's not my best though."

GEORGE FOREMAN (former world heavyweight champion): "The Queen and all her subjects can be proud. Lennox Lewis proved he is no doubt the best heavyweight in the world today. He should forget about tonight. It's over. Just get up, dust your pants off, fight him again and knock him out next time."

EMANUEL STEWARD (Lewis's

trainer): "Lennox and Lare dis-

rounds at most. What I saw

was Lennox working with a

sparring partner, only we don't give them \$20 million for their work. It was not even a close fight. This hurts boxing. I don't take it lightly, I take it with disgust."

DON KING (promoter): "They [judges] are human beings. It was significant that the British judge gave 115-115. Who am 1 to be guessing the judges? When you have a man on the ropes, you're supposed to finish him, not play chess with him. Evander has to face the great giant. Let's just get them back in the ring."

WALLACE MATTHEWS (New York Post columnist): "The fight plan may have been drawn up by the Lord, but the scorecards bore the mark of the devil. It was a night in which the glory and honour of boxing was supposed to return to its former home; instead. the stink returned to the air over the ring. Lennox Lewis beat Evander Holyfield from here to London - with stopoffs in Januaica and Canada along the way,"

FRANK MALONEY (Lewis's gusted. I gave Evander three manager): "The look on 20,000 people's faces tells the whole

and they ripped me off' story. We were robbed it's an absolute con. If I was Tony Blair I'd cut off all diplomatic relations with America. This result has set boxing back into the dark ages."

LOU DIBELLA (vice-president

of Time Warner Sport): "I saw that the majority of people made Lewis the undisputed champion. The scoring was shocking. I didn't see it as a close fight but, even if I don't complain about the judge who made it a draw, how can anyone looking at the fight make Holyfield the winner by three rounds? It's impossible. That judge should not work again." ROY JONES (World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion): "I feel ashamed about what happened tonight. I love Evander Holyfield, but Lennox Lewis did not lose it. LOU DUVA (former trainer of Holyfield): "I think the decision was terrible. I had it 9-3. It wasn't that exciting a fight but Lewis absolutely won the

CHRIS EUBANK (former world middleweight champion): "It was robbery. I can't understand how a British judge gave it a draw when Holyfield did not win more than two rounds. Lewis is the undisputed world champion."

FA Carling Premiership: Manchester United shrug aside European distractions with comfort

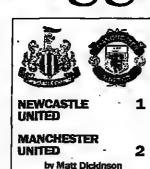
Newcastle fail to prevent Cole digging in

RUUD GULLIT took Alex Ferguson aside before kick-off on Saturday and did not spare his words. He told him to expect a match of lireworks and explosions. He talked of boiling tempers and extreme provocation. "Anyway, that's enough about Inter on Wednesday," Guilit conclud-ed. "You'll walk all over my

Admittedly, Gullit probably did not utter the last bit. But he might as well have done, such was the disdain with which Manchester United trampled on the notion that Newcastle United might provide an exact-ing test of their championship aspirations. Ferguson has had more stressful afternoons watching his racehorses.

There was a time, and one not so long ago, when a trip to St James' Park would have provided United with a perfect foretaste for the bear pit of the San Siro. A seething crowd. a gung ho team and no quarter asked or given. Not any more. "We were not competitive enough," Gullit admitted, and it is not rocket science to guess that Internazionale may offer something a little less dainty in the European Cup quarter-

final second leg.
While Newcastle took the lead after just 15 minutes through Nolberto Solano's fine 25-yard free kick, they succeeded only in tweaking their opponents' tail. Manchester United were ahead shortly after half-time, and they played out the remainder of the match as if they had their minds on other matters. Which they did, of course. They fly out to Milan tomorrow and a probable meeting with Ronaldo in jaunty mood.



Premiership by four points, they would be marked down as certainties to win the championship were it not for the fact that they may be stretched thin by the demands of Europe. When Ferguson, as on Saturday, picks the team that he knows will win, as opposed to the one he hopes can triumph, only Arsenal can regard themselves as peers.

After Dwight Yorke's two goals at Chelsea in midweek, this was Andy Cole's turn to top up his account. A brace of close-range finishes ensured that he will go into the match on Wednesday hopeful of fulfilling Ferguson's prediction that his team, leading 2-0 after the first leg, will score in Milan. "Andy was lightning quick," the United manager said. "He's in the best form since he came to Old Trafford and getting better all the Cole's second was his fiftieth goal at St James' Park

in his 48th game there. Jaap Stam continued his impressive form by towering over Alan Shearer, and Yorke worked selflessly by performing a marking job on Warren Barton late in the game. Likewise David Beckham, who



Cole celebrates with Yorke after scoring his second goal

was given an assignment in the second half to watch Domi," the Newcastle manager said. "He didn't play well, but he did it for the team. That shows how hard they work for each other.

Ferguson's biggest concern will have been that his players did not become too weary on a heavy pitch - the worst surface in the Premiership. Peter Schmeichel came off at halftime, allegedly suffering from flu, but otherwise United seemed healthy in mind and body. There were traces of a limp as Cole walked to the team bus, but United will field their strongest line-up on Wednesday when, according to Gullit, they must keep their

"It will be very hostile," he said. "It will be like a boiling por. The least little thing could explode. They are going to be provoked a lot. It all depends how they cope with that. There was one moment when it happened at Old Trafford and immediately some players got involved. Keane was involved and there was a yellow card.

You must, must focus on the game all the time. There will be intimidation, theatre, backchat. It will be very clever. They will be trying everything to get you out of your concentration. There is no way in this country that you can experience that because it is cheating. But it is the Latino

Oh that Newcastle had mustered some of the same provocation. Timid in defence in the absence of the injured Howey, they were hopelessly meek in midfield, where only Hamann showed the urgency to try to change the course of

Up front, Shearer faded quickly after a lively start. "We are playing catch-up with United," the England captain said, but, as the man who twice turned down a move to Old Trafford, he has only himself to blame for that.



THE policy may be win at all costs, but those costs are beginning to spiral out of Arsène Wenger's rationale is being seriously undermined. How much longer he can balance indiscipline at his club and the wherewithal to claim important victories remains to

Three points from a fascinating encounter at Goodison Park on Saturday may have kept Arsenal in touch with Manchester United at the head of the FA Carting Pre-miership, but it also brought their seventh red card of the season, the 21st under Wenger's management and, worse still, exposed the disenchantment simmering within Emmanuel Petit.

Petit, the midfield player, is xperiencing some difficulty in adjusting to a season that, after the thrills of last year, when Arsenal achieved the Double and France won the World Cup, is rather mundane. Injury had sidelined him for six matches before he regained his place in the starting line-up on Saturday. The return lasted little more than an hour, whereupon he was sent off for the third time this season after committing a

second bookable offence. another three-match suspen-

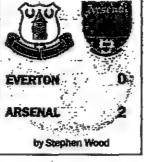
Disillusioned Petit threatens to leave

influence he brings to bear on the Arsenal midfield in partnership with Patrick Vieira, could be a savage blow in their quest to defend the league title and FA Cup. One of the fix-tures Petit will miss is the FA Cup semi-final against Manchester United next month. However, there may be even

more serious repercussions. Petit trudged down the tunnel, threw his shin pads away in disgust and was heard to say, in English: "That's me finished with English football." Arsenal will hope that Petit regrets what, in all probability, was a heat-of-the-moment

We hope that it does not drive Manu away from our game," Martin Keown, the Arsenal defender, said. "We will sit him down this week and try and pick him up." However, there remains a

theory that Petit, who is growing tired not only of the Premiership which he is penalised by



move to Italian football this summer. Petit's actions at Highbury have often been viewed as embodying the general lack of discipline engendered by Wenger since he arrived 21/2 years ago. it is an appalling record, but when you are successful, the desire to change is not particularly

On this occasion, neither Wenger nor Petit could be held totally responsible. Petit's challenges, on Dacourt, the mistimed rather than malision which, considering the referees could be tempted by a cious. Uriah Rennie, the refe-

ree, had long since lost the faith of the players while the home crowd, incensed after the earlier dismissal of Don Hutchison, their striker, were baying for Rennie to even things up. Wenger acknowledged this, as well as Petits lack of sharpness, when he said that he would not be fining his player. "I think Petit was just frustrated with himself." Wenger said. "and the Everton supporters want-

Walter Smith, the Everton manager, will follow Wenger's example and not take any action against Hutchison, who surprisingly was shown the Keown after 21 minutes.

ed every one of our team sent

"I did not have a thue why I was sent off," Hutchison said. Keown said I caught him in the Adam's apple, but it was nothing." Keown confirmed that his opponent was unfortunate to be punished so severely ous enough to damage me.

week. The sending-off was harsh." The England defender has offered to speak on Hutchison's behalf if Everton, as expected, launch an appeal to get the red card overturned. However, as things stand, Hutchison will miss three matches, - including the Merseyside derby against Liverpool.

For Arsenal, two moments of class - both involving Parlour - were enough to win the game on Saturday. After 15 minutes. Overmars found Parlour in space on the right and he placed his shot wide of Myhre.

Midway through the second half Partour exchanged passes with Overmars and tempted Unsworth into a rash challenge inside the area. It was a clear penalty and Dennis Bergkamp duly dispatched it.

rarlour's contribution will have done his hopes of earn-ing a call up for to the Eng-land squad, to be announced on Thursday, no harm. Nor has it hampered Arsenal's ambitions although, ultimately, they may yet prove to be

his team were never

allowed to settle or

David O'Leary

continues to swat

aside queries, re-

garding a Champi-

ons' League berth

with a travel-worn

regroup.

History offers no veil for Houllier's crumbling forces

BEFORE Heysel. Liverpool's right to a place in Europe went unquestioned. They featured in one of the competitions for 21 successive years, often with flair and distinction. Unless Gérard Houllier resolves the glaring weakness in a side that is a shadow of its forbears, the prospect of competing in the Uefa

Cup can be dismissed, not just this season but far beyond. The Liverpool manager could not excuse an abject defensive performance on Saturday when his back three seemed unable to perform the most elementary of tasks. Sadly for

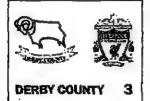
Houllier, it was hardly a one-off aberration. As Jamie Redknapp. the captain, said: "We have not been inconsistent this season. We have consistently played at a level that is not good enough. Twice, in the first half, Derby

County scored with headers from a set-piece. Burton left Song leaden-

Birmingham surge. Results, tables

footed as he met a corner by Bohinen before Wanchope, without a goal for two months hitherto, outjumped Matteo. In the 49th minute, a line of defenders looked towards the linesman while Wanchope ran on to a long free kick by Stimac and shot beyond James.

Houllier blamed a lack of concentration in all three instances. "I think this game highlights our problems," he said. "Unless we make a wonderful run, it will be very difficult in the race for Europe. We have six home games and four away, so it is not time to commit suicide yet, but it would be a considerable blow if we did not get there."



LIVERPOOL by Richard Hohson

about the Liverpool defending. "I just thought we played very well," he said, at the end of a week in which his side have also beaten Aston Villa and moved level on points with the Midlands club. The disappointment was that we

McManaman in

his side, Houllier

effectively suggest-

ed that he was look-

ing already towards

Jim Smith, the

Derby manager.

resisted a grin

when questioned

next season.

did not get more goals." Derby, completing a rare double against the Anfield side, have generated a momentum that could sweep them into Europe for the first time since 1977. Burton's confidence is growing by the game and Baiano, although at fault for both of the Liverpool goals, has returned to form and fitness to play behind the front pair at an important time.

Liverpool's best moments occurred through Owen. He looked every bit the prodigy of France when he ran at defenders and was badly missed in the second half, substituted as a precaution against a minor hamstring strain. Owen won a penalty, converted by Fowler, when he fell under a tackle by Prior, and created another good opening for his fellow striker.

Had an attempt by Bohinen not been turned off the line by Matteo, when Derby led 3-1, then Liverpool might have left Pride Park severely embarrassed. Instead, five minutes later. Fowler met a low cross by Matteo to ensure a lively and somewhat flattering conclusion.

What Hardening Conclusion:

DERBY COUNTY (3.4.1.2) R Hour — S Pron. (
Smac J Laursen — S Eizena Isub K Horper.

22mm D Prose? I Behnen S Schroor (sub H
Cathonan 66; — F Beann; (sub Y Bothers.; 66; —
D Burlot P Wanchope
LUTERPOOL (3.5.2) D James — P Sonra S Stainion (sub S I Bjornetye, 22), D Mathon — V Hoggem. J Rodynaman S Genard P Beager D Markon
— R Fowler, M Owen (sub; K Redie, 46)

Reference (3 Barber

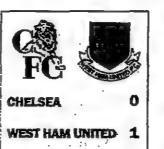
Vialli concedes title race as Chelsea charge falters

IT COULD have been a trick of the light, but it seemed that Gian-luca Vialli's eyes bore a twinkle. He anticipated that the theme of the weekend, after Chelsea's first home defeat at Stamford Bridge in the FA Carling Premiership this season, would be that his club have now dropped out of the title race and everyone who was asked about it, be they from Chelsea or West Ham United, plumped for the phrase about it being a two-

Vialli struggled to remember the precise English wordage, so keen was he to emphasise that it is all over for Chelsea, but he remembered there were horses involved. and only two of them. It was gentle and without bitterness, but it was surely not an honestly held belief for Chelsea, while not at their best, are but tugs and tweaks from regaining their old imperi-

While Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, beamed over his choice of negative tactics, practically giving an Oscar-worthy speech with his wife thanked pro-fusely for her contribution, it would be naive not to concede that this was a most fortunate victory for the East London team. For. wider issues aside. it was curious that Dan Petrescu was penalised. having been muscled out of possession by Keiler, and from the resultant free kick. Mare-Vivian Foe apeared to climb all over Baba-yaro in order to head the ball down into Kitson's path. Kitson scored, but only just. De Goey so nearly kept the ball out with his legs but turned to see the ball

creep over the line. But in order to judge the path of the title race, the wider issues are what matter. Chelsea were blessed, or even dogged, by an abundance of strikers at the beginning of the season. There were jealous mutterings from the rest of the Premiership and Vialli's tendency to rotate his talent was laughed at until it became clear it was all too effective. There was genuine sur-



prise that Vialli possessed such a ruthless streak and then awe that, far from creating havoc with the club's camaraderie, such an unsentimental approach served only to strengthen morale.

by Alyson Rudd

Chelsea's collection of international footballing mercenaries had become a strong-willed unit drilled in the desire to win. There is no longer that paradox at the club and that is what is at the

heart of their present malaise. Suddenly, Vialli sounds avun-cular. He was offered the cash to improve the team but turned it down: "I just didn't want to touch the squad I already had. The spirit was great. If that was a mistake, then it's my mistake." However. all Cheisea need is a no-frills forward to see out the remainder of the season without a sense of underachievement. Against West



the mould of Huckerby or Sutton or Cottee, a player who just wants to score and does not mind how many tap-ins comprise his goal tal-ly. Flo returned to first-team action after injury a month ago without any reserve-team football to ease his re-entry. It shows. He is playing with a reserve team mentality, opting for caution when the

game is crying out for instinct.
How ironic that when everything Flo touched seemed to result in a goal, Vialli insisted on using him sparingly. On Saturday, Forssell, the young Finland striker, was given seven minutes to rescue the match. He almost did, but needed, not surprisingly, to have had more of a feel of the game to put a good opportunity on target, rather than a foot over the bar.

It is also mysterious that Vialli acknowledges how much the team are missing those bursts of power from Gustavo Poyet but he has done so little to try to replicate them. Poyet may well feature in the final games of the season but a little mimicry from his team-mates on Saturday would have assisted

their cause enormously. Chelsea have a miserable babit of passing the ball sideways as if scared of any sort of gamble. But for Goldback, it is doubtul they would have ventured beyond the halfway line against West Ham. Redknapp's back line defended well but they rarely had to contend with the element of surprise and, with Zola available to ensure that adventurous runs become incisive. Chelsea were guilty of a lack of imagination.

Vialli has now served his suspension and can start once again to be more ruthless with his selection policy. This is not a good time to go soft or misty eyed. CHELSEA (4-4-2" E de Goev — A Fener, M Desany faut M Duberry Grann Abbyers out M Fonsson St. Glo Saur (aut D Peterson 60 — B Grothaut, D Klase & D Manero C Bathajoro — T

Gridean, Divise R.D. Marro C. Bahajaro — A Fro G.Zoa WEST MAM. UNITED (4-5-1): S. Histop — Puaros R. Ferdiroyd, N. Raddock, S. Minto — Sinclar, F. Lampord, M.V. Foe, S. Lomos, M. Reit raib S. Pocs. 88) — P. Kiston.

Signs encouraging for Leeds as Wednesday wane

"OWLS," the sign reads, bloated capitals leaping from the wall of the gentlemen's toilets inside Hillsborough. From each of the letters, a little motto follows: one promoting "family values". another guarding against the use of obscenities. Perplexingly, given the events that fol-

lowed, the S does not stand for "silence" but safety.
"It's one of the most passionate games of the season here," the pitch-side announcer had warbled in the seconds before kick-off, a bold statement duly rewarded with the din of rustling crisp packets, a cacophony of slurping on plastic

straws, the odd suppressed yawn.
That was just the build-up. At one stage, excitement reached the dizzy levels of general murmuring. The exceptions from this were the travelling supporters of Leeds United who, 20 minutes inside the match, were greeting every touch of the ball by their players with glee-ful, sardonic "olés." Brace yourselves for the end of this sentence, for it is neither easy to write nor gentle on the eyes, but Leeds — the team of Hunter. Bremner and breeze-block tackles - are now a genuine pleasure to watch. Outh. "I've never known such a quiet

derby game." Danny Wilson, the Wednesday manager, said. There were at least two plausible reasons for this. Firstly, Leeds played well and Wednesday did not, prompting a lopsided afternoon that could have brought United a hatful of goals. Only the agility of Pavel Struck and the wayward sights of his aggressors kept the scoreline respectable.

It is no coincidence that for the second time in four days against Leeds. Opposition managers have bemoaned their sides' worst performance of the season. Rubbish,



LEEDS UNITED by George Caulkin

weariness, as if the nonsense of the supposition should be obvious to all, but after five successive league victories, Chelsea are suddenly within touching distance. Consider the spine of this team — Martyn, Radebe, Batty, Kewell —

and re-examine O'Leary's modesty. United's fourth-minute goal - a well-drilled free kick that Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink sneaked in off the near post around a skinny de-fensive wall — should perhaps

fensive wall — should perhaps have put the onus on Wednesday, but a midfield of Bany, Hopkin and Bowyer effectively put paid to that By half-time, they warranted a margin of at least three goals, with Smicek smothering close-range shots from Smith and Hasselbaink, but it was not until deep inside a largely drab second half that largely drab second half that dominance told. Hasselbaink successfully released Hopkin and though Smicek again managed to get his body in the way, the Scotland midfield player continued his run to turn in the rebound.

To make matters worse for Wednesday attendances are down at Hillsborough by more than five per cent this season and only 28,000 were present for this skir-mish. Not going down, not winning anything, optimism grumpily refus-es to hold. Imagine that, the home of the Owls and barely a hoot.

SHEPFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): P Smooti-P Africton, E Thomas, D Walker, A Hindhellife — N Alexandersson, D Somer (sub. L Briscoe, 38min), W Jork P Rud — A Bootin, R Humphreye (sub. J Annon, 48)

Agogo, 49 LEEDS UNITED (4-3-1-2) N Manyor — Hasland J Woodgate L Radebe (sub: Westeral, 89) I Mans — L Bowyer, D Berly, D Moylor — H Kewel (sub: W Korsten, 87) — A Smith, J F Hasselbank



leicester's go the car do any coursely.

Salpanine Palaria

ing the partition

sections to the section of the secti

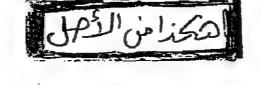
A lare your part r



CHARLTON

Part design of the state of the Section 1 Section 1 1 And the state of t followed to Acted last water 20%

No. 37 3264 3



FA Carling Premiership: Middlesbrough arrest their slide towards danger zone



Kachloul, Southampton's Moroccan midfield player, slides between two Middlesbrough defenders to win the ball in the relegation struggle at the Riverside Stadium yesterday

IF THERE has been a Shakespearean dimension to the re-cent fortunes of Middles-brough, it would seem more appropriate to point at tragedy than comedy. Enough knives in the back to dispatch Caesar, a surfeit of toil and trouble and, in Bryan Robson, a complex figure experiencing the same private turmoil as a certain Danish prince.

There remains, however, a fundamental similarity with Orsino in Twelfth Night: a man too wrapped up in the concept of being in love to fall in love himself. Middlesbrough - the club and its supporters — have the same fickle relationship with football; there is a sense that, such has been the speed of their rebirth. that they remain mired in an uneasy, emotional adoles-

The riotous reaction to this victory, which restored a hint of stability to a season which had threatened to turn into a remorseless slide towards

hysterical. What a stark contrast to the previous fortnight which had been filled with calls for action of the most drastic sort. Change the personnel; switch the tactics, even trade-in the manager. One win and and all

All's well that ends well for Robson

the panic and criticism evaporates as if by magic. More cynical souls recalled a similar reaction to another result, back in the dark mists of December, when Robson's side, then in fourth place, travelled to Old Trafford and

returned from that stronghold

with three points.

European football seemed there for the asking. Even the championship was spoken of as an outside possibility. But these dreams evaporated because, just like in Middlesbrough's previous incarnation in the FA Carling Premierunsound and subsidence

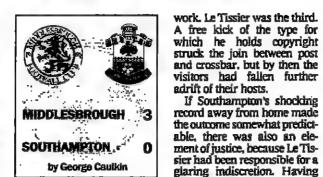
became inevitable. Beating Southampton may not mean that the construction has been safely shored up, but at least some of the cracks have been repaired, despite the absence yesterday of four

among them Paul Gascoigne. "We knew it was a pressure game that we couldn't afford to lose, but a few of my senior professionals really stood up to it. We're not safe yet, but that's a big step closer,"

Robson said

The dressing-room may not be riven asunder by its disparate personalities, as it was two years ago, but fragility lurks inside. Confidence is tied to the mood of the crowd by a thread that threatens to snap each time a pass is misplaced or, just as frequently, Mikkel advertising hoardings.

By the time that Beck, the Denmark striker, scored Middlesbrough's first goal of 1999. both tempers and composure were fraying markedly. The latter could be ascribed to Middlesbrough's courtship of the ond player to strike the wood- er escaped dismissal, al-



Southampton goal, which had begun at an early stage, when Gordon's turf-hugging shot hand post, but was not consummated until the 43rd

minute. Then Beck had the good fortune to be dawdling inside the six-yard box to take advantage after Festa had become the secdid not matter a jot.

Middlesbrough's goal tally for the year was doubled only

work. Le Tissier was the third.

aiready been shown his sev-

enth vellow card of the season.

he diced with further censure

by raising his hand to block a

which appeared likely to curl

the TV replay, the offence

seemed not only obvious but

also deliberate. It was impossi-

ble to understand how Le Tissi-

Even without the benefit of

around the defensive wall.

moments after it opened when Paul Jones tore off his line to meet Robbie Stockdale's vague punt forward, only for Hamilton Ricard to tease the ball around him to score an awfully simple goal. In the 62nd minute, Steve Vickers, with a nonchalant side-footed shot, converted Maddison's

though, in the final analysis, it

Southampton, had they won, would have left the bottom three for the first time since last August. Now the future is looking bleak for David Jones and his team. even though five of their re-

maining games are at home. In truth, Southampton were quite awful. "We were lucky they didn't score two or three more," Jones said. "From the first minute until the last we just didn't perform. We looked like we were on the bus." Their only option? Like music and

MEDDLESSROUGH (3-5-2): M Schwarzer — G Festa, S Vickers, C Cooper — R Stockdats, P Stamp (sub B Deame, 7 Intim), R Mustoe, N Meddleson, D Gordon — H Reard (sub: A Campbell, 82). M Beck (SIDE A VASTANCIA SC), THE JORGE — J DODG, K MONKOU, Č Lundekvem, P Colleler — M Celdey (sub: S Ripky, 60), Č Marsden, H Kachlou' M M Le Tissier — J Beetitle (sub: E Ostenstad, 68), M Hughes.

Rations run thin in fight for survival

BRIAN KIDD thought long and hard before leaving for the front line. His place in the trenches at Old Trafford was safe and never would he have to raise his head above the parapet while Alex Ferguson stayed in charge. General Ferguson took the flak and Private Kidd manned the supply lines with due care and consideration. It was the perfect combination.

But the call came from Ewood Park, barked by "Uncle" Jack Waiker and backed by his promise of plentiful ammunition, and the lure proved irresistible, Blackburn Rovers were at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership and needed rescuing. Kidd's play it was not, but it was time to

go. Over the top he went.

Three months later, Kidd surveys the battlefield and grimaces at the sight before him. The initial flurry of suc-cess has subsided, his troops are depleted and the guns lie silent. All that remains is willpower, the determination to conquer overwhelming odds, that indefinable strength of the soul. Without it, Rovers would be dead already.

At Highfield Road on Saturday, on a sand-and-mud surface fit only for skirmishing, Blackburn earned a point that keeps them alive. It was far from pretty and, at times, degenerated into a series of petty squabbles, but the spirit shone through and made for a peculiarly engrossing spec-

Coventry City face the spec tre of relegation, too, and had they won — as they threatened to do for much of the game they might have ruled themselves out of the equation. It would have given them a seven-point advantage over Blackburn, the eighteenth-placed club, and valuable breathing space for the always fraught run-in.

Kldd spoke eloquently of the fight ahead. 'Not once have I thought about relegation. It has never crossed my mind," he sald. "I have no self-pity. I don't feel sorry for myself. Why should I? I am very honoured to have got the

job at Blackburn. "With what we've got left, they've tried their best, I can't ask for anything more. I know that if there is a new player that I want, I can go to Mr Walker and he will back me to the hilt. But I'm not going to buy just for buying's sake. I want to develop the club. I



want to take it forward from within.'

Blackburn fell behind in the 22nd minute, when Aloisi turned delightfully on to Boateng's low, near-post cross and thumped a right-footed volley past Filan. He should have ended the contest early in the second half from Telfer's cross, after McAllister's magnificent 40-yard crossfield pass, but headed the ball hard into the ground instead of the net. It bounced once and cleared the crossbar.

Competing vigorously — Sutton's stray elbow on Konjic, fortuitously, went un-noticed — and belying the inexperienced nature of an alarmingly understrength squad, Blackburn's studious approach was rewarded in the minute. Johnson squirmed free on the right and his teasing centre was dispatched by Wilcox.

It was an earnest scrap and, once the smoke had cleared. little had been resolved. Sutton is a long way from full fitness and despite the claims from Kidd that Glenn Hoddle, the former England coach, was considering the striker for an international recall shortly before his removal from office, he is unlikely to figure in the plans of Kevin Keegan, Hoddle's part-time successor, when he announces his squad this week for the European championship qual-

ifying game against Poland. There'il be a few more twists and turns before the end of the season," Gordon Strachan, the Coventry manager, said. "I hope it doesn't go to the last game but, if it does, we'll be ready for the challenge." Shelf-shocked. perhaps, but so, too, will

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2) M Hedman — R
NBson, M Konjic (sub: P Clement, B9mm),
R Shaw, D Burrows — G Boateng, G
McAlister (sub: D Huckerby, 70), P Teller, S
Froggati — N Whelan, J Aloust,
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2), J Flan —
J McAlesr, S Henchoz, M Taylor, C Davidaon — D Dunn (sub D Johnson, 60) D Marcoln, M Jarsen (sub, D Duff, S2), J Wilcox
— A Ward, C Sutton.



Christian Edwards, of Nottingham Forest, quickly snuffs out the danger presented by Marcus Gayle, of Wimbledon.

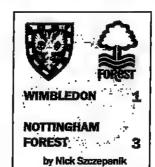
Absent minds grant Forest some relief

IF ANYONE thinks this result says much about the chances of Nottingham Forest clinging to their FA Carling Premiership status, they should think again. Forest did not play well; they were just marginally the less awful of two poor teams. They survived a torrid opening, scored a fluke goal. then massed in defence and relied upon breakaways.

It helped that Wimbledon are in a wretched run of form. Elements of their crowd are unconvinced of the qualities of Joe Kinnear, the manager, who remains some way from being able to resume his duties after suffering a heart attack twelve days ago, but for long periods of the game they were present-ed with a vision of Wimbledon without him: rudderless, disjointed, at odds with each other and who ever expected to read or write

this? — not outte up for it. David Kemp, the coach, refused to use the uncertainties about Kinnear's health as an excuse, "I was prepared to make allowances last week, but not this," he said. "Our thoughts are with Joe, but we've got to get back to work and start winning matches again."

They could have done without an erratic display from Neil Sullivan, the goalkeeper. While Mark Crossley, his opposite number. made an important early save. deflecting a close-range header by John Hartson over the crossbar. Sullivan stood rooted to the spot as Alan Rogers's misdirected cross



found the far corner of his goal, and his team's early confidence

drained away. After another bright start to the second half, Wimbledon were again deflated by a Forest goal. Freedman lobbing the unprotected Sullivan. Throwing caution to the wind, they finally converted one of a number of chances. Gavle scoring from close range, but Forest made sure of victory when Pietre van Hooijdonk headed on Crossley's goal kick for Shipperley to beat Sullivan at his near post.

Van Hooijdonk caught the eye throughout. Playing in a deeper role than usual, he created a number of chances and seemed more a part of the team in every sense than he did immediately after his self-imposed exile. Steve Stone, supposedly his fiercest critic in the dressing-room, has now left, and the change of management at the club in January helped.

Shreeves and Ron Atkinson, the

Gregory takes stock of reality

manager, are contracted to Forest only until the end of the season, but both. Shreeves hinted, would like to stay. Which division Forest will be in, he would not speculate - wisely, with the team still eight points behind seventeenth place. We play Middlesbrough at home next week, " he said. "If we could get something out of that game, it could become very interesting. The situation, perhaps, if not the

IOOTOBILI.

WINNELEDON (4-4-2). N Sulfivari — K Curningham, C Perry (sub E Elecku, 59mm), B Theicher, A Kmble — N Ardiey. A Roberts (sub J Euell, 72), R Earle, M Kennedy (sub: M Hughes, 72) — J Hartson, M Gayle.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (5-2-1-2). M Cossiley — M Lous-lean, C Edwards, J Melison, S Chefler, A Rogers — A Johnson Isub C Bert-Williams, 45), C Patriar — P Van Hoordonk — D Freedman, N Simpparley.

igi≯∄.

Leicester's gold is stolen

YOU can do any number of things on holiday — water skiing. sunbathing. bungee jumping, golf, even panning for gold. Be it in the Yukon, New Zealand or wherever, you can he experience the thrill of finding your very own gleaming

You hire your pan, crouch

by your stream, scoop up

some gravel and water and shake it about a bit. After an hour, it dawns on you: "What a waste of time." And then, if g you are lucky, amid the rubbish, something will glisten. Watching Leicester City is a bit like that at the moment. A boring sift through worthless pebbles followed by golden moments. It happened against

happened against Charlton Athletic on Saturday. An hour of dross and then some dazzle. Gerry Taggart won the ball deep in his own half, beat one man, then another, then another. The crowd applauded, he gave the ball to Neil Lennon, he beat one man, Caced forward, turned inside another, exchanged passes with Taggart on the edge of

Wimbledon last week and it



the Chariton penalty area and sent a gorgeous shot curling to the far post, where it struck the woodwork and bounced into the net. Perfection.

by Peter Robinson

ATHLETIC

Twenty-four carats. Well, actually, no. It was fool's gold, and worth just a point in FA Carling Premiership currency. Charlton equalised in injury time. A goal fit to win any game failed to win

one even as mediocre as this. Even the controversy was submerged by the general malaise. Charlton had two people sent off, for example. Mervyn Day, the assistant manager, was banished from the touchline just before half-

time for verbal abuse of the referee. "He didn't swear," Alan Curbishley, his manager, said. Of course not, that is why he was dismissed. Keith Jones followed in the second half after picking up a second booking. "He thought the first was a bit harsh," Curbishley said — and that was about as heated as the protests got.

The goal, too, that was dra-

matic. Charlton's first mean-

ingful shot of the day, in the 92nd minute, after Taggart had comically headed a throw by Mills to Mendonca, lurking at the far post. A simple tap-in. Yet Charlton seemed almost sheepish about it, slightly embarrassed. Fairminded to a man, they knew an injustice had been done and it was their fault. Still, if it saves them from relegation. then the point will be absolute-

ly priceless. LECESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Keller — M Es-otr, G Taggert, S Walsh — R Sevage, N Len-non, M Izzel, R Ullamome, S Guppy — I Mar-shall, E Heskey (sub; A Gunnlaugsson, 78mm).

/Birmi.

CHAPLTON ATHLETIC (3-5-2) S list — R
Rutus, S Brown, C Tiler — D Mits, M Kinselta, N Recteam (sub J Bernes, 73), K Jones,
C Powell — M Pringle (sub S Jones, 75), A
Hurst (sub; C Mendonca, 73)

City deny takeover rumours

MANCHESTER City yesterday denied that they were involved in discussions with David Murray, the chairman of Rangers, regarding a possible takeover (Stephen Wood

writes). Reports claimed that Murray, one of the wealthiest men in Britain, was planning to acquire a 51 per cent majority shareholding in the Nationwide League second division club.

David Bernstein, the City chairman, bas gone public with his desire to attract £20 million of investment to the Maine Road club. However, Chris Bird, the chairman's assistant, said: "These are just rumours. No deal is on the table and no negotia-

tions have been going on." It is believed that Murray was interested in City last season, but rules prohibiting the ownership of a Scottish and English league club by one person prevented that interest from going any further.

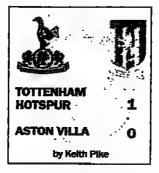
IT IS a bit rich when the manager who has spent the equiva-

lent of the gross national product of a small country starts berating himself for being tight-fisted. But while rivals such as Alan Curbishley have nearer 30 bob to play with, there was John Gregory, £30 million of Aston Villa's money having gone in a year, saying without a hint of irony that underin-vestment and underachievement go hand in hand.

Yet the really worrying thing is that he is probably defeat added to Gregory's right. The FA Carling Premierhip casino may waive its dress code to allow scruffs like Curbishley's Charlton Athletic to enter, but only the high rollers can actually play. Look at Manchester United's

substitutes' bench on Saturday (Solskjaer, Blomqvist, half the Neville brothers), look at Arsenal's (Kanu, Diawara, Vivas), then look at Villa's (Byfield, Delaney, Samuel) and look at the league table. Gregory has a point.

That was one more than his team managed at White Hart Lane, where the author as much as the manner of Villa's



angst. Tim Sherwood was on a shortlist of transfer targets when Villa could have bought from a position of strength. Now Sherwood's scrambled late goal had left the one-time leaders 16 points off the pace and seven short even of a Uefa Cup place. Still, although Villa have

misplaced their early-season sharpness in front of goal, stability in defence and invention in midfield, along with seven of the past eight matches, their manager has obviously not lost his sense of humour completely. Tottenham's attacking style, he said, was like

Wimbledon's and ... wait for it . . . Steve Stone had enjoyed a pleasing debut marking Ginola, never mind that he got booked for fouling him on one of the few occasions he got near enough to attempt a tackle. But later, Gregory got seri-ous as he pondered the injuries, physical and mental, that have wrecked Villa's season. "I said I would never hide

behind a lack of numbers, but it has not helped in the past few weeks that the team has almost picked itself," he said. "Players have been under no pressure for their places, and that isn't healthy. "I still believe in them, but

maybe the players have lost belief in themselves. They were flat out for the first part of the season, but after a defeat or two they started to doubt their ability. Maybe I should have added a couple of faces to keep the momentum going and I failed. It wasn't through lack of trying, but perhaps we should have pushed the boat out a little further than we did. I suppose there comes a point where you have to draw the line." Juninho, at £13 million,

had strayed over it, and Villa appear a spent force. As hard as they worked. Villa's lack of creativity was chronic and the impact of their

forwards negligible. Totten-ham, too, were below par, but they had made what few chances there were in a disjointed affair and probably deserved their luck when Bosnich parried Iversen's 88th-minute shot. Sherwood headed against the post and then tapped in the rebound after Wright's aborted attempt

at a goalline clearance. George Graham thought his Tottenham team should have been 3-0 up at half-time. but he ended with a duet from Gregory's songsheet. "When you see the big clubs keeping. internationals on the bench. you know you have got a long way to go to catch them," he

SALU.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2) I Walker
— S Carr, R Vega, S Campbell, M Tancco
(sub: A Sinton, 78mm) — A Nielsen, D
Anderton, T Sherwood, D Gindla (sub: J
Dominguez, 78) — L Ferdinand, C
Amstrony (sub: S Iversen, 78)

ASTON VILLA (3-5-2) M Bosnich — R
Sameca, G Southgale, G Barry — S Store,
L Hendne, M Oraper, A Thompson, A Winght
— P Merson (sub: J Joachim, 67), S
Collymore.

Nogan deepens Burnley blues

Preston North End.. 1

By Stephen Wood

MAYBE they will not make the same mistake for a fifth time. The Burnley supporters took every opportunity to make Kurt Nogan, their former player, feel unwelcome yesterday, but he had the last laugh. His wonderful goal. the fourth time he has scored in four returns to Turf Moor, gave Preston North End the win with which to reclaim second place in the Nationwide

League second division. The booing of former players is an accepted part of football but, as Nogan said, it only seems to spur him on to greater things. With an hour played, Nogan glanced up before curling the ball over Crichton's head from 25 yards for his twentieth goal of

With that, Burnley's hard work was undone. Theirs had been a daunting enough task already. after three successive home defeats. Stan Ternent, the Burnley manager, was set to resign after

Photograph.

the 6-0 humiliation by Manchester City last week. only for an emergency board meeting to guaran-tee his future. Ternent insisted that he was not a quitter and, based on Burnley's gutsy performance, he seemed determined to instil the same quality in his players.

The home side were sprightly and created the earliest threat when Andy Payton hit a post after just seven minutes. The highlyrated Glen Little then drew two saves from Lucas, the Preston goalkeeper, as well as volleying against the crossbar.

"If we can keep showing the same improvements we should be all right." Ternent said. However, a tense denouement appears likely because Burnley are now in the relegation zone. Last season they left it to the final day to ensure safety and it could be too close for comfort once again.

Pedierrog, S Davis, C Blasis, G Ampstrong (sub. P Eastword, 72mm), T Cortan – G Liffe, M Metion, P Cool. – A Payton, G Branch.
PRESTON NORTH END (4-4-2). B Lucas. — J Darby, M Jockson, C Madock, D Ludden. — A Gray, S Gray and Isub. M Appleton, 35), M Rantane, D Eyros (sub. J Maken. 54). — S Basham, Referees C Wilkes.

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: LEADING CONTENDERS FOR PROMOTION MAINTAIN HOPES WITH VICTORIES

Birmingham stay on right track

West Bromwich Albion.....0

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

TO SUPPORT Birmingham City is to volunteer for a life of misery, which is why the placard behind the goal at their splendidly refurbished St Andrew's ground is so funny. "Pride of the Midlands", it says, without a trace of irony or self-mockery.

Embarrassment of the

Midlands", more like, or "glorious joke best appreciated within the 0121 area". This is the club, lest one forgets, that has won only one trophy in its history, and that was when the League Cup held as much significance as the Erdington Vase, In a city where Aston Villa will always be the favoured sons, however poor their team, and close by are Wolverhampton and West Bromwich, towns with famous clubs (which, admittedly, have seen better times). Birmingham City often appear to be the invisible men. It is a long time since they had a side

worth watching. You have to go back 25 seasons to find the team that brought together Trevor Francis, Kenny Burns, Bob Latchford and Howard Kendall, and there have been far too many ructions to recount on and off the field, in the intervening years. In as much as anybody thinks of them, they are seen as Birmingham's "other" team.

Now, with Francis well established as their manager, they are making genuine progress. The main stand still reeks of the old third division (north) but a record of one defeat in their past 15 games suggests they are serious about returning to what they remember as the first division. This handsome victory against their neighbours



Ndlovu. left, of Birmingham City, ignores the late lunge of Potter to scores the second of his team's four goals.

confirms them in fourth place, as they chase automatic promotion with Sunderland. To the great delight of their

supporters, they made West Brom look second-rate for much of this match. There were two goals for Dele Adebola, and one apiece for Peter Ndlovu and Martin inside out to make himself an Grainger. There should have opportunity on his left side, been plenty more. Ndlovu, in was an example of wonderful particular, missed a couple of Shortly afterwards Ndlovu chances that any self-respect-

hit the post so that West Brom ing striker would have went in at half-time only one Adebola's opening goal, goal down when the game should already have been

run in midfield, where Hyde enjoyed a highly productive time, and De Freitas's ideas of leading the fight in attack seemed to consist mainly of moaning about the decisions

of the referee Ndlovu finally managed to

score five minutes after the in-terval, when he accepted Charlton's long pass from left back, jigged inside and shot left-footed. That was another good goal, a Carbon copy, one might say, as Carbon, the West Brom captain, was again the victim of trickery. Then Adebola notched his second. carrying the ball 40 yards and teasing Whitehead before rolling the ball gently past the

floundering custodian. "He ho!" the locals exclaimed. "We've debagged the Baggies today, and no mis-take". Actually, they sang a less pleasant song about the Villa Even on a good day, some of these people are always thinking of the team that plays across the meadow. Better by far to find another means of assertion. Envy won't do them much good.

Grainger's late goal completed an impressive performance though how good this team is, and whether the players are. equipped for the top flight, are questions it is best not to answer too specifically at the moment. The failure of clubs like Bolton Wanderers and Nottingham Forest to put down firm roots there after dominating the first division offers scope for doubt, There are not too many players in this Birmingham side who stand out as bobby-dazzlers.

Still, their fans are enjoying these days and, after so many disappointments, it would take a heart of stone to begrudge them some early spring flowers. But go careful on that pride of the Midlands stuff. Some people have long memories.

BITHININGHAM (4-4-2): K Poole — J Bass. G Rowelt, M Johnson, S Charlion — G Hyde, M Granger, M O'Conyor Isto's MCCarthy, 8-1), B Huggies — D Adebola (sub. P Futong, 84), P Ndiowu (sub; M Conster All

Forstor, 84)
WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2): P
WEST BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2): P
WRITE BROMWICH ALBION (4-4-2): P
BOTASIZE, 71), K (KORATO — J Quinn (aub:
M Angal, 61), F oe Fretas.

match, did so moments before

half-time with a low shot from

just inside the penalty area.

After the interval Johnson

hit the post from an liceste angle and forced a superbone

handed save from Vaesen. In

between, Scowcrofi, playing his first full game for three months after injury, powered a header against the crossbar.

Bobby Petta, a substitute, even-

tually made it 3-0 seven min-

ed down a free kick by Wilnis

At the other end Richard

Johnson, the surplus Ipswich

goalkeeper, must have considered indulging in some belated Red Nose Day activities.

Whistling the Record Breakers

theme tune for 90 minutes

would have been appropriate

given that this was his 21st

clean sheet in the league this

season, a new club record. A

few more between now and

the end of the campaign will

help to ensure that Ipswich

fans are able to respond to Nor-

wich defeats to more tradition-

al fashion come next season.

Tratia (sub: A Trainer, 46min), T Mondrey, M Tratia (sub: A Tiamer, 46min), T Mondrey, M Venus — F Wilnis, J Claphan, M Stockwell sub 9 Pets, 811, M Holland, J Magilton — D Johnson, J Scowcrott, (sub: R Naylor, 83).

HUDDERSPIELD TOWN (4-42).
Wasser — S Jenders, R Edwards, C Armstong, K Gray — G Johnson, C Beech, D Philips, B Thombey (Just D Facey, 45).
M Stewart, W Allson (sub: S Baldrey, 78).

and finished with aplomb.

Norwich fail to test Jewell's promotion hopefuls

Ronaldo dream

facing r awaken

医溶血液液

Norwich City.

BY MARTIN WOODS

JOE LOUIS, perhaps the greatest heavyweight boxing champion of the century, went through a phase of fighting almost once a month against nohope chumps. These contests became known as Joe's Burn of the Month shows and, while they kept the Brooklyn Bomber's entourage in fine clothes and Bourbon, they rarely revealed much of the great fighter's complete reperioire of skills. These were reserved for

his pedigree opponents. Bradford City unexpectedly found themselves cast in the lesser Louis role on Saturday. In a strong position to reach the promotion play-offs, they encountered a Norwich City side who, for the first 45 minutes, were bereft of spirit and

enterprise. Bruce Rioch's team had left their football compass at home and Bradford trounced them. if Sepp Blatter, the Fifa presi-dent, had been there no doubt the idea of a referee being able. to end a contest when one side is unable to defend itself, would have gained currency. The rout began in the

thirteenth minute when Stuart down Jamie Lawrence.

league goal of the season rence pownoed on Relamys boose pass in the centre circle on the stroke of half time, the Norwich defence reverted to statuesque type as he dribbled his way through to the box before

Unless they had come out with blindfolds on, Norwich muld not have played worse in the second half and Iwan Roberts scored the earliest consolation goal of the season three minutes into the half.

The dressing room's a bit subdued. The lads wanted to go out and score a few more goals because that could mean an extra point come the end of the season. Paul Jewell, the Bradford manager, said. Seven of his sides remaining ten matches involve clubs in the bottom half of the league. Hardly burns of the month but preferable to getting into the ring with genuine contenders like Bolton, Birmingham and

BRADFORD CITY (44-2): G Wakit — L Todd (sub' A O'Brien, 73mm), D Moore, J Dreyer, W Jacobs — J.Lawrence, S McCaf, G Whaley, P Beagne — R Blake (sub: D Windass, 82), L Mills.

McCall floated a free kick into the box where Darren Moore, the Bradford defender, headed home unhindered. Twelve minutes later, Peter Beagrie scored from the penalty spot after Milligan had brought Under the circumstances,

with Norwich's defence in full Worshipful Company of Strangers-mode, the third goal in the 34th minute was a peach in that one or two of them saw fit to contest the ball. Whalley passed to Beagrie on the left wing. He turned Sutch, the full back, before crossing to the near post for Lee Mills to head home his twentieth

shooting under Marshall.

lpswich must do. .

MORWACH, CRTY (35-2), A Marshell — C Fleming, I. Marshal, M. Mackey — D Sutch, P. Grant (sub' A Forbes, 45), C. Bellamy, M. Alfilger, C. Wilson — I Roberts, K. O'Nell (sub: C. Lewellyn; 45) Referens A Wiley (Stafford).

Taylor restores calm to Bolton's nervous push

Bolton Wanderers Queens Park Rangers1

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE motivational skills of Colin Todd, the Bolton Wanderers manager, could yet prove the most crucial factor in the club's attempt at a rapid return to the FA Carling

For all the obvious talents of his multinational team, it was Todd's decision to restore the veteran striker, Bob Taylor, who was dropped for the midweek game against Barnsley, that ultimately decided the Nationwide League first division game against Queens

the first his 200th career goal.

"It was important to win," Todd said. "Now we can travel to Sunderland on Saturday and go out and enjoy the game. There will be 40,000 people watching and, if we can't play in an atmosphere like that, we can't play

Although Bolton's impressive Reebok Stadium may deserve football of a higher standing, the precarious man-ner in which Bolton succeeded suggests that those aspirations are far from guaranteed.

THE

Before Taylor lunged bravely in the 31st minute to make contact with Scot Sellars's

front, the visitors might well have gone ahead. Alarming defending allowed Tim Breack er a clear run on goal in the eighteenth minute but he struck his shot weakly and Jussi Jaaskelainen, the Bolton goalkeeper, saved with ease.

expected to blow in.

Taylor demonstrated the true art of finishing when he rounded off the best move of the match in the 58th minute. Claus Jensen began it deep in his own half, Johansen created space over the halfway line before Jensen slipped a splendid reverse pass for Taylor to apply the master's touch from 12 yards.

In response, QPR changed tactics, utilising the speed of Chris Kiwomya, the substitute. They were rewarded with a 69th-minute penalty as Kiwomya's run was halted by the rash challenge of Mike Whit-low. Keith Rowland converted from the spot but, despite late pressure. OPR returned south still deeply involved in the relegation reckoning.

BOLTON (A-42) Johnsteinnen – Nicol Milfen in Mahari, Milholov (s.o. A. Todd Almen – Wicharien Gillenden P. Frandari, Si Swein – Einfolgen (s.o. Eigugbruch Shill State)

QUEENS PARK RANGERS 3-5-2 LM-loke - M Pash, M Fore 3 Parties sub K Frainc 45 - T Season, L Juano and Charmys Th Flarges P Marray Earstourn - P Sener root 1 Done Strik Gare.

Ipswich refuse to gloat as Johnson signals intent

loswich Town Huddersfield Town...

By Andy Stephens

THE resounding groan that greeted the Tannoy announcement revealing Norwich City had lost 4-1 reflects just how serious matters are becoming at Ipswich Town. Usually, the Portman Road faithful would have cheered this crushing defeat for their fiercest rivals in such a vociferous manner that anybody leaving the ground before the final whistle would be convinced they had missed a last-minute goal.

On this occasion, though, there was no desire to gloat, for Norwich had been brushed aside by Bradford City - one of three clubs that stand a realistic chance of preventing lpswich from being automatically promoted from the Nationwide League first division as bridesmaids to Sunderland, the champions in all but name, come May.

Not that the Suffolk side will have to look over their shoulders for much longer if they continue to play like they did against Huddersfield Town, themselves pursuing a place in the play-offs, on Saturday. After an indifferent spell of form they were back on song

and, as a further statement of intent, the club will this week Magilton, who has been play ing on loan from Sheffield Wednesday for the past two months, for an undisclosed fee. George Burley, the Ipswich manager, will discuss personal terms with the midfield player tomorrow.

Ipswich led from the thirteenth minute, when Johnson left-foot shot that Vaesen, the Huddersfield goalkeeper, did well to block - only for Magilton to thump home the rebound. Stockwell and Scowcroft fluffed chances to extend the advantage before Johnson, the man of the

Howells returns to save Cheltenham

Stevenage Borough... Cheltenham Town.....

By WALTER GAMMIE

LEE HOWELLS, one of Cheltenham Town's long-term absentees, marked his return from injury by scoring the equaliser in an exciting contest between sides that have become all too familiar with each other at Broadhall Way on Saturday.

Howells met a pass from Boh Bloomer and cannoned a fierce shot off Taylor at his near post to secure Cheltenham's third draw in three matches. That might be viewed as points dropped for the Nationwide Conference title favourites but Steve Cotterill, the Cheltenham manager, was philosophical about the result.

After five meetings since December, including an FA Umbro Trophy replay aban-doned at half-time, he clearly respects a Stevenage side to which Richard Hill is increasingly giving his own stamp. "We'd have settled for a draw at the start," Cotterill said. "What disappointed me

was giving away two silly goals."

Cheltenham had taken an early lead when Brough followed up a shot by Yates, par-ried by Taylor, before Stevenage levelled with a near-post ? header from Alford They went ahead when

Leadbeater, signed for an undisclosed record fee from Here-ford United, marked his home debut with a spectacular goal lofting a shot over Book. With Dale Watkins injured,

five fine art prints ju

Cotterill says that if he moves before the transfer deadline it will be to sign a forward. Meanwhile, he must face up to losing Bloomer, who was sent off for a second yellow card five minutes from the finish. We've had some of our

more creative players out through injury. Conterill said. "It would be nice to wave a magic wand and have them back out and the said out to th back out on the pitch but you can't do that."

STEVENAGE BOROUGH (35-2) C. Taylor — R Kirby, M Smith, L Howarth — L Hansey, J Strouts, S Berry, M Löse, R Hamson (sub. C Pearson, 29mm) — C. Atlord, R Leadbosier CHELTEMIAN TOWN 14-4-2, S Book.— K Kingtir (sub. L Howarth, 46), M Yasha, Bicorrer, J Vicary — N Grayson, J Estone Leate N Howarth, 69, M Howar

IN SITE.

www.times-money.co.uk

Introducing The Times Personal Finance website. All the latest information on shares, savings, loans and mortgages.

CHANGING TIMES

Fry feels the pressure of Peterborough's descent

Peterborough Linded0

By BILL EDGAR

IF Barry Fry emerged tardily for the post-match press conference, the real Barry Fry - exuberant and cheerful - did not turn up at all. Another poor showing by his Peterborough United side, and consequent ealls by supporters for his sacking, had transformed his character. The man who normally exudes animation was looking drawn and off-colour. Fry may be the victim of his

own outgoing style. Perhaps fans who had been infected by his optimism are now thinking ill of him because their high expectations remain unfulfilled. Whatever the reason, they certainly feel he is unable to cure a downturn in form that has seen Peterborough manage only 13 points from the past 14 games, losing their way in the Nationwide League third division promotion race in the process

"if we play like we've played in the last those games, we've got no chance of promotion."

Fry said. We've got a lot of youngsters, and while they are gaining experience the lans have got to get behind them." The home side frequently

created threatening wide positions but foundered largely on an inability to cross the ball. While Peterborough's stride

has been broken. Swansea City are getting into theirs after just three defeats in the past 19 league games. A surg-ing run and 20-yard shot by

Fry: facing criticism

minute gave them victory that cemented their place in the play-off positions. With Cardiff City joint top on points and Wrexham consolidating

in the division above - in a season when all three league sides in Wales reached the FA Cup fourth round - it may be that football in the Principality is thriving enough not to need large loans from rival football

John Hollins, the Swansea

manager, spared a thought afterwards for his counterpart. They've got a good manager here and I think the supporters were being a little hard on him." he said. As Peterborough sank further behind the leading pack in the division, the banner and the chants demanded: "Fry out". Whether or not he survives, it seems increasingly unlikely that "Fry-up" will be on the headline writers' menu this May. PETERBORQUEN UNITED 14-4-2 M
Type — D Hooper, A Edwards, M Wass, A
Dray — S Darles, M GB (sale S Forber,
Tenner, S Castle, D Farma — O Broughter
Isale, M Andrews, Si), F Green,
SWANSEA GTT 14-4-2: R Freedore — K
O'Lyay, J Smith, M Bound M Howard — S
ROCHES, N Mason, J Coales, R Applichy —
Alore S Walter

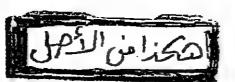
FRCT:

a to ies

eweil'

motion

peick



Oliver Holt sees United's opponents struggle before their big match

Ronaldo the dreamer facing rude awakening

t their training camp on the edge of the comfields, they paraded Ronaldo in front of the Italian press yesterday and it felt like watching those television pictures that autocracies distribute sometimes to reassure the people that their ailing leader is

He looked content enough, this man who has become more than a man in Milan, who has become something they call The Phenome-non. He smiled as he walked slowly up the wide spiral staircase to the interview room and got a few laughs

by saying a mannered "thank you" to the English media at the end of a press conference that he had conducted in fluent

will be He knows that humanazionale expect him to save unable to their stason against Man-chester United on Wednesday might, that turn the they are desperate for him to inspire their ailing side to overcome the 20 tide seems deficit they take into the assured? second leg of their European Cup quarter-final.

So he spoke of his "duty" and others said that, with Ronaldo in the side, anything is possible. It does not seem to make any difference that he started his first game for two months only on Saturday night, that he managed only 45 half-hearted minutes in the 2-2 draw against AC Milan in the cauldron of the San Siro. He is, quite palpably.

If Inter were not in such a sorry state, manufed mid-table in Serie A and freshly knocked out of the Italian Cup, they would not contemplate rushing him back like this. On Saturday, as the red smoke bombs cascaded down on to the pitch; turning the vast arena into a scarlet hell. Ronaldo looked like half a player, nervous of tackles, marginalised by the excellence of Alessandro Costacurta.

Yet still inter depend on him like a lame man leaning on a splintered crutch. "I have suffered to try to be ready for this match. I have worked and worked to get over my injury and last night, for the first time, I played without pain," Ronaldo said. "I am not 100 per cent fit but we all know that if Manchester United score, we must be prepared to score more and more."

He has felt this way before. He has felt the pressure squashing him like a crusher in a breaker's yard. It broke him in the World Cup final and That he now, eight months later, Ronaldo is having to cur-

front it all over again.

The specie of United was everywhere he looked every way he turned. It was in those smoke bombs at the San Siro on Saturday night and in the taunts of AC Milan's red brigades and the United flags that they unfurled high on the Curva Sud.

Yesterday, the spectre of United even bushwhacked him at the Inter retreat in Appiano Gentile.
It came in the beguining form of a smiling shi-year-old Italian boy they called Panino, who had been watching shyly from the back of the room as Ronaldo spoke.

Someone at the front called him forward. They told him to show Ronaldo what shirt he was wearing underneath his jumper but he squirmed away, giggling. Ronaldo smiled uncertainly and then someone told him why the boy was so embarrassed. He was wearing a United shirt, they said. His favourite player was David Beckham.

That Ronaldo will start the match



The returning Ronaldo, left, is off the pace as be goes in for a challenge with N'Gotty, of AC Milan

against Roy Keane, Jaap Stam, Dwight Yorke and the rest now seems certain. That he will be unable to turn the tide of the tie, though, seems equally assured. His own lack of fitness and confidence aside, Inter looked every bit as vulnerable in defence as they had done at Old Trafford ten days ago, when they fell to two goals fashioned by Beckham and headed home by Yorke. On that occasion it was Aron Win-

ter, playing at left wing back, who was exposed by the brilliance of Beckham. On Saturday night, Inter switched to a 4-4-2 system but, once more, they were undone by their vul-nerability on that same left flank.

Inter had replaced Winter with the full back, Mickael Silvestre, but he was overrun by the incursions of the Danish wing back, Thomas Helveg, and by the trickery of Leonardo, who scored both the goals for AC Milan, with only an own goal and Zanetti sparing Inter's blushes.

The longer the game continued, the more Alex Ferguson's assured prediction that United will score on Wednesday, so forcing Inter to score at least four times in reply if they are to progress, assumed credence.

That is why Inter need Ronaldo so badly now, that is why they are falling into the same trap that Brazil plunged into in the hours before the

World Cup final, when they saw the illusion of their supremacy disappearing with Ronaldo's convulsions. Once more he will be at centre stage on Wednesday, when he has not had time to learn his lines. His only refuge is in dreams. "I dream every night about scoring goals," he said yesterday. "The night before the game against Manchester United

will not be any different." WILL FOR DE STRY GINETEST.

INTERNAZIONALE (4-4-2): G Pagluce — F Colonnese, D Sme, T West, M Skrestre — J Zarets, P Sousa (sub: 8 Caust, 68min), D Smeone, Y Dontsell (sub: 8 Baggo, 69) — Ronaldo (sub: N Ventolo, 46), I Zamaramo.

AC MILAN (3-4-3): C Abbieti — B N'Goty, A Costacuta, P Maldini — T Hoheg, M Ambrosni, 2 Boban (sub: R Donadora, 61), A Gugliehrepetro — Leonardo sub: F Ayala, 80), O Bierhoff, G Wesh Referee: P Collina.

Viduka begins to repay Celtic's faith

THE DELAY over Jorge Cade-

te's arrival turned out to be as costly for Jim Farry as it was for Celtic three years ago, yet putting a price on Mark Viduka's tardiness may be too painful to bear for the Scottish

underlined the potent partnership that he has formed with Henrik Larsson and both scored twice in an impressive display at Pittodrie that reduced the gap on Rangers at the top of the Scottish Premier League to ten points.

Craig Burley's hooked shot in the last minute sealed the biggest win in Abendeen in 36 years, but the real prize of a title might be within closer sight had they not been forced to endure Viduka's soap-opera transfer from Croatia Zagreb.

It was impossible to detect any shred of doubt in the home team during the early stages as they worked cease-lessly to close Celtic down and control the midfield.

However, menace remained Celtic's monopoly, with Larsson, not surprisingly, the chief goal threat. Derek Whyte, the Aberdeen central defender, halted Larsson's progress with a scything tackle, but the Sweden forward's free kirk Sweden forward's free kick curled just over the bar.

The physical element, though, was underlined in the 19th minute when Mike Newell, the Aberdeen forward, clashed in the air with his marker, Johan Mjallby. It was accidental, but that was of little comfort to the Celtic player, who had to leave the field for three minutes to stem the flow

of blood from his head wound. Hardly had Celtic been restored to full strength than Viduka used his head to better effect, by putting them ahead in the 26th minute.

Regi Blinker, fortuitously, was given a second chance to take his corner, because he placed the ball outside the arc. Whereas the first effort was

appalling, the reprise was flighted perfectly for Viduka, at the near post, to thump a downward header between the legs of defender Andy Dow, who was guarding the post, to squueze over the line.

Aberdeen's move was not

improved when they appeared to be denied a penalty four minutes later when the ball struck the hand of Riseth, the Celtic defender.

Celtic crushed any optimism Aberdeen may have nursed for a comeback when Viduka doubled the advantage three minutes into the second

The Australian was involved at the onset, flicking a long ball into the path of Larsson, who transferred it to Blinker. The winger's pace created the space for a raking shot across the face of goal, eluding goalkeeper Derek Stil-lie, but striking a post. Viduka, however, followed up to tap in the rebound.

Celtic killed the game in the 69th minute. Stillie performed admirably to turn Larsson's free kick round a post, but from Blinker's short corner, McKinlay's cross sought out the unmarked Larsson whose header gave the goalkeeper lit-

tle chance. Aberdeen's spilled over, though surprisingly in the case of Nigel Perper. The substitute had been on the pitch for only six minutes when he was sent off in the 72nd minute for a dreadful tackle on Blinker.

Larsson though, had not fin-ished inflicting pain. A minute later, the Swede's dreadlocked head guided in Burley's excellent cross for his 35th goal of the season.

Robbie Winters gained some consolation for Aberdeen in the 79th minute, robbing Lambert and holding off two challenges before steering his shot past Gould but Burley restored Celuc's four-goal ad-Vantage a minute from time.

ABERDEEN (4-2) D Size — M Parv P
Whyte, G Smith A Don — M Han J Buchan
(500 N People, Sorma, E Jess, D Whites,
— M Newed (400 A Norman, 60 M White,
CELTIC (4-42) J Good — T Sond J Major
by, V Roeth, T McKnaw — J McKarnaw D
Burley, P Lambert, R Borker — M Lerson
M Volke (400 M Suren) 82,

Markey R W Young

AN EXCLUSING READER OFFER

THEID

TIMES













A stylish gilt frame (26in x 99in) has been created specially to fit your free Van Gogh print. Only £29, it comes complete with glass, backing board and is assembled ready to hang. The other five prints in the series are available in the same frame, priced at £39 each.





Post this completed order form, with your remittance, to: The Times Fine Art Print Offer, Saxor House, Saxon Way, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 6QX. Inquiries: 01942 242121

ESCRIPTION	UNFRAMED	QTY	FRAMED	QTY	TOTAL
Voman with a Parasol in the Garden, Renoir	£5.99		£39		
he Walk, Sisley	£5.99		£39		
arand Canal Venice, Manet	£5.99		£39		
viabes, Monet	£5.99		£39		
encer with Bive Sash, Degas	£5.99		£39		
Suberry Tree, Van Gogh	FREE	1	693		
omplete set of sk prints (saving £10)			£19 95		
LP per order for framed prints only			£3.95		
				TOTA	

Fact 01242 573095. The offer for the free Van Gogh prints is available until Friday, April 9, 1999.

One free print per household. Please allow up to 28 days for delivery.

Mr/Mirs/Miss/MisIngalsSurname
Postcode
1. PAYMENT BY CHECUTE: I enclose a cheque payable to The Times Art Collection.
D. PAYHOM BY CREDIT ON CHANGE CANCE
wish to pay by Visa MasterCard Amex Switch Issue No
Facel No.

Please charge my card the sum of £ _____ Signed Which one of the loberating age groups do you tak into?

15-24

E you bey The Times, on which day(s) do you usually buy s? ocal dadly nonespagner(a) do you buy at least once a week? _____ maday nonespagner(s) do you buy almost always (3-4 capies per munith)' real Sanday egystyraperiy) do you buy quite often (1-2 capes per monda)?

ERS 01242 700 700

CHANGING TIMES

11411.

100 mm

Starting today, The Times offers every reader a FREE Vincent Van Gogh print, Mulberry Tree, 1889, pictured above, worth £5.99, Simply collect four of the six tokens published this week and enclose four first-class stamps to cover postage. You can buy five more superb prints, all 18 in x 23 in, including the border (the image size may vary slightly). They are specially

printed on fine art paper and cost only £5.99 each or just £19.95 for the complete set, saving £10. You can order this outstanding collection, including the free print, for £19.95 now (no tokens required). Simply call the credit card orderline, or complete the order form, right. A separate order form for just the free print will be published in The Times on Thursday.

entry City: M. Hedman, R. Nilsson, R. Shae: J.J. Kenty, caute emain 6:3mm), G. Burmes, G. Boateng, P. Tella: G. & Sae I fain: D. Hackerby 70), S. Froonan, N. Wheam, J. Nilss

4 Taytor J. Villicov, D Marcolin, D Dunin (seb. D Johnson 66) 3 January (seb. D Dulf 52), C Solton, A Ward

(2) 3 LIVERPOOL Fowler 36 (pan), 57 32,913

ationwide

FIRST DIVISION

Craver (Bradford) 70

(G) 1 CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 Brathery 3

(2) 2 \$45FFFELD UTD (0) 3 Horiz 67 Detas 68, 90

11/ 5 Big 250L CITY (0) (

(D) 1 STOKE (2) 2 G Kzanagh 10 (pen), 17

(0) \$ CC. THESTER 2.795

OLDALIA Resc 27 (cest) Rescoury 56

11: 1 VIALSALL Camb 27 (pes), 39

(3) 4 YORK Face 2 Cessardi (7 (pm) 5,400

(G) 0 PRESTON Hogas S1

FROAV'S LATE RESULT: 9: No. 2 Pullant 3

THIRD DIVISION

10: 1 MORTHAERTON 11: 2

1. 3 CASIBRIDGE U 10) 9 2.742

:5; G SHREWSBURY 'U, O

(1: 2 TORBUAY Baston 34, 65 6,956

DARLURGTON (1) 4 Sanadori 24, 48, 86 Sman 72 (२०)

Whetan 17, Hund 37 Wane 55, Fortse-West 72

(G) 8

VERNONS LOTTERY FOOTBALL GAME

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S MATCHES: There were seven score craws. Covertry v Blackburn.

Lecester v Charton, Port Vale v Stockport, Portsmouth v Crystal Palace, Blackpool v Wresham,

Cardilly Torquey Greenock Morton - Raith Payous on seven, six and five score draws. This weeks

confirmed pay out for. Seven score draws. 2 withers each \$39,365.50. Su score draws, 56 minners.

IG C EXETER

each \$531.50. Five score draws: 1,192 winners each \$5.

Sent of M Beard (Southend) 19 P Neumain (Southend) 65

SECOND DIVISION

PORTSMOUT

CHILLYALL

HAUSTIELD

3027H219 - 63

Booked: Handhoz, Sutton, McAleer, Marcolin

Booked: Stroat, Powel

CHELSE/ 34,766

Booked: Duberry, Petrescu

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

elesie: S lie, D Mille. C Powell. N Rediesm (seb. . R Ruks. M Kinedia. A Hual (seb: S Jenes 74). S nos. C Tibr. M Poodle ratio C Mendona 74).

SCOTLAND

TENNENT'S CUP.

BANK OF SCOTLAND

FIRST DIVISION

SECOND DIVISION

(0) 1 CLUETH OF SOUTH (2) 2

CLYDE McKeona 57 (og)

Sent off: G Price (Strling) 88

THIRD DIVISION

19 Tarast 37 n 34 Militari 48 (og) Manual 73 Sent off: R McBan (Ross County) 84

(3) O ALBROM

GOALSCORERS

FA CARLING PREMERSHIP. 28: O Yorke (Man Utd.) 21: M Owen (Liverpool), J Aloos (Coventry, 17 for Portomouth): A Cole (Man Utd.) 18: A Vield (Blazburn, 15 for Bornsley), 16: R Foreit (Liverpool), 18: J F Hassolbornk (Leeds), A Stearer (Neucacile); N Anelion (Arcentair O & Ostosper (Man), 14: D Dubler (Aston Villa, 4 for Covertry); H Richard ("Addestinagh, 13: A Cottoe (Leedster), D Bergkamp (Arcena), 13: A Cottoe (Leedster), D Bergkamp (Arcena), 18: A Cottoe (Leedster), D Bergkamp (Arcena), 18: A Cottoe (Leedster), D Bergkamp (Arcena), 18: A Cottoe (Leedster), D Mandass (Bradford, 18 for Oxford Utd.) 17: A Ahruby (Bristo) City; C Betterny Monword), I Onuora (Swindom), D Addecta (Birmangham) (Victivathamaton), D Addecta (Birmangham) (NI) B Taylor (Borton), N Philips (Sunderland,

SCOND DMSDN: 28 M Stem (BournerouthSCOND DMSDN: 28 M Stem (BournerouthSCOND DMSDN: 28 M Stem (BournerouthPrestan, 19 S Sarlow Misjan) R Crosswell
(York) 18: A Rammell (Messall) J Robers (Bristol
Roms) C Anna (Shingham, 1 to Readong,
17: I Guretan (Bristol Rows); A Payton (Burnley)
18: B Harker Furban, 10 for Bristol Rows); R
Tayton (Gillingham), S Godler (Marn City),
18: K Cornol (Whemam, N Harra (Mishwell)
THERD DMSDN: 19: L Ownor (Bernford, J
Fornester (Southorpho, 17: M Buller (Cambridge
Utel), BC Gabbadin (Darlinghon), 18: S Participe
(Bristol, 15 for Torgusy), L Persood, Mansbert)
18: J Tayton (Cambridge Util: 3 Flack (Easton,
14: T Bename (Cambridge Util: 3 Flack)
(Cartiff)
BANK OF SCOTLANO PREMIER LEAGUE:

RANK OF SCOTLAND PREMIER LEAGUE: 35. H Larson (Celuc) 24. R Watase (Rangers) 18: J Albertz (Rangers), 18: J Johansson (Rangers) 14: B Docto (Ounder Und. 3 for Abendeon: 13: E Jess (Abendeon) 11: D Adams (Mathemeri, 8 for Ross County) 10: J Hamilton (Mathemeri, 8 for Ross County) 10: J Hamilton

(2) 2 RUSS COUNTY

(1) 1

theston In Salishury Boston Utd

Crawley Town Bath City Waymouth Malesowon Grandiam

CLYDEBANK

FALKIRK Confort 75

ek Morros Thusse 21 1,795

PARTICA

EAST STIPLING Respecty 85 384

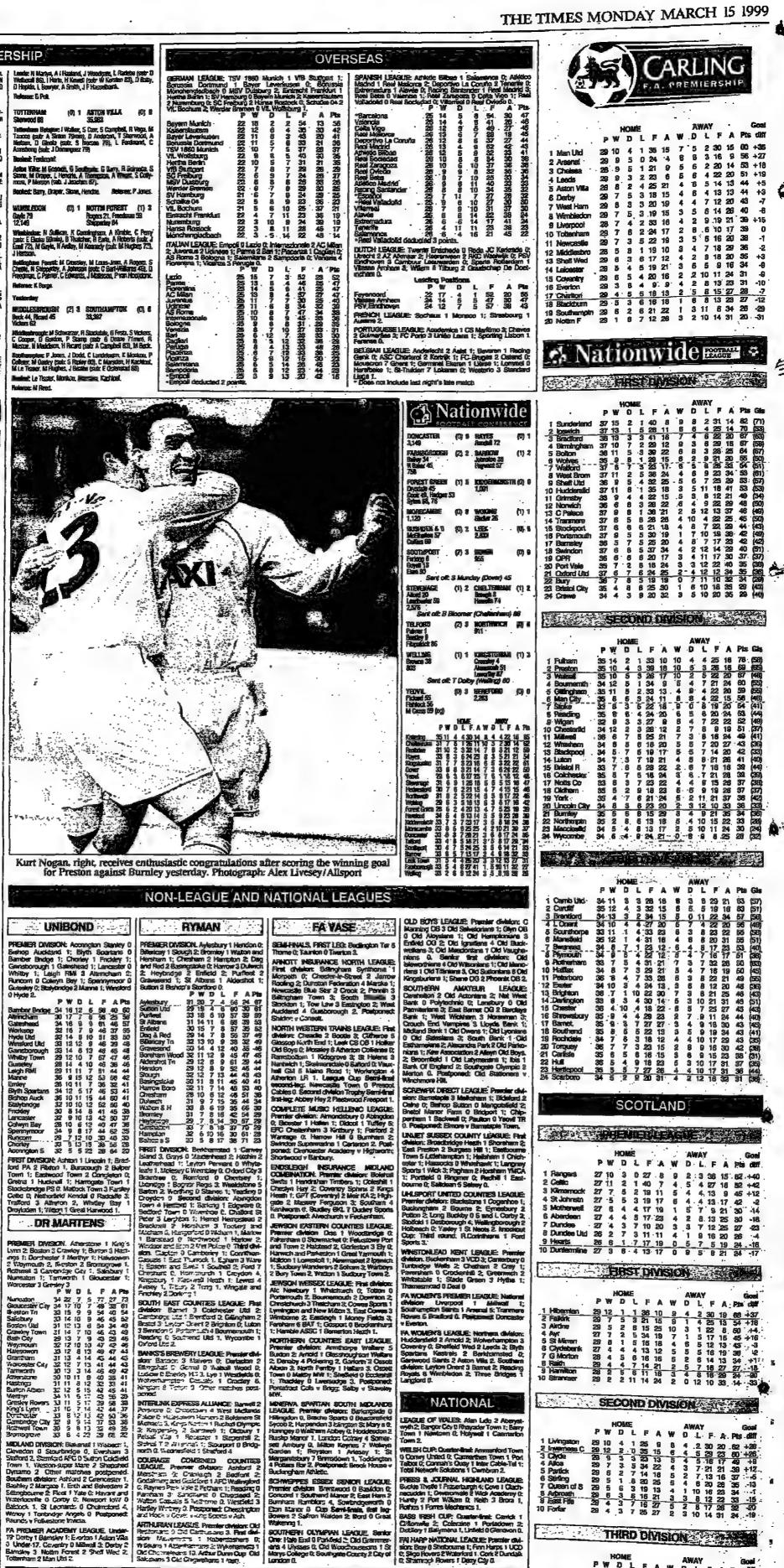
QUEEN'S PARK 542

MONTROSE Crag 25 444

11, 2

(2) 2

laterae: & Poli.





Old Chambleans 13. After Durin Cup Cit Salapans 3 Cid Chrystellans 1 (1991)

One: Hate End 0 Parkfield 2: Old Grammer-ehts 4 Unisses 0: Old Woodhousesins 1 St Marys College 0: Southgate County 2: City of Landon 0.

PORECAST: Hallating no clama

fullers to characterist - los

POOLS CHECK

' lara cell day of c

Wasim inaugura linew hall of far

Market Co ARTERCICALISM & ATT girilatia, service e at the state of the

tight of the course

Robertson

Annual State of Seate

 $\mathbb{R}^{N_{\mathrm{obs}}} = \mathbb{R}^{N_{\mathrm{obs}}} = \mathbb{R}^{N_{\mathrm{obs}}} \mathbb{R}^{N_{\mathrm{obs}}} = \mathbb{R}^{N_{\mathrm{obs}}} \mathbb{R}^{N_{\mathrm{obs}}}$

To Sugar

No demonstration

कि । विकास समितिक

of the second of the fight

Table 1 - A Property

Burth 1842 &

41 May 194 2

7.6

8.428

E = = =

inge.

HORRIS NAMED LINGS

The transfer of

graduated

WHATTIS TO BOTTS OUT TOOK EN dising rounds of the matile shools nethali champawish

SE 12 1 1 西德() Si Mela-Contraction of the contraction o Paul inc. 13 Manage Black with a second BESNY IN Edition 1. S. Co. Piccodal ... The The Trans. Rad pendi ser i

William I

H -- -

State Valuality programmed by the second Be would have THE PARTY OF THE P Section She had the same under State Contraction and the half the all the series

place, and A STATE OF THE PARTY OF THE PAR Interson and SNOW REPORTS

The same

FREE VE . عاراتها والمعالية T_a (T₁ E PORT rate to July 15 Bear 1 74 GA Turk Hay $\log x_{\lambda_1}$

روزور روزوروز

PWDLFAWDLFAPtsdiff

7

1 Ross County 29 11 1 3 35 12 9 4 .1 40 20 65 +43

A 1207 - 1 The state of the s S. T. Garage Physics

BADMINTON

Duo bring

hope of

future

success

By RICHARD EATON

SIMON ARCHER and

Joanne Goode became the first

home winners of an All-

England title for five years

when they beat South Koreans

Ha Tae-Kwon and Chung Jae-Hee 15-2 15-13 in a mixed dou-

bles final that offered hope of

badminton in this country

gaining fresh momentum in

For Goode, who feared that

her career at the highest level

was over when she became

pregnant after the Atlanta

Olympics, it was especially

notable. She became the first

mother for 14 years to win an

All-England title, achieving it on Mother's Day with a per-

formance that was timely for

her, the tournament and the

sport. Funding has been com-

ing into badminton; only suc-

Archer and Goode achieved

this in a tight finish after a run-

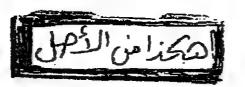
away first game in which Ha had been troubled by a knee and spent so much time bind-

ing it up that Keith Haw-thorne, the referee, was called

on to monitor the delay.

cess had been missing.

the new millennium.



Lara celebrates day of destiny

FROM PAT GIBSON IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

IT WAS Courtney Walsh Day at Sabina Park here, by decree of the West Indies Cricket Board, in recognition of the achievements of the great Jamaican fast bowler, but, in keeping with so many pronouncements that have embarrassed Caribbean cricket in recent times, they got the

Saturday was Walsh's day. Yesterday undoubtedly belonged to Brian Lara, who could not have done more to convince them that there is no one else of his stature to lead them out of their present crisis with a wonderful exhibition of batsmanship that brought him his first century in 15 Tests and 18 months.

Whatever they think of his qualities of leadership - and they thought so little of them on the shambolic tour of South Africa that they virtually put him on probation for the first two Tests against Australia they could only admire the character and skill with which he responded to the greatest challenge of his career.

Lara could not have been under greater pressure in this sec-

future as captain. He seemed to be doing his best to meet the selectors' criteria, reacting positively to most situations and encouraging his bowlers at every opportunity on the first day, when Australia needed a resolute century from their captain, Sieve Waugh, and an equally idiosyncratic 67 from his twin. Mark, to recover from Walsh's opening salvo.

However, Lara was booed to the crease when he went out to bat with his side in desperate straights at five for two in response to Australia's 256. A sceptical public was even scoffing that, if he was out early when they resumed on 37 for four, West Indies might struggle to avoid the follow-on.

Lara gave them the perfect answer. He saw off first the spin of Shane Warne and then the pace of Glenn McGrath with the most watchful, studious demonstration of defensive batting. It was almost faultless, especially against McGrath, whose dominance over him in the past two series had done as much as anything to end 20 years of West Indies

His fifty took him 198 minsupremacy over Australia. As if in celebration, Larautes, 140 deliveries and contained only six fours, but soon he was dancing down the pitch to drive Warne for six, clipping him through mid-wicket and sweeping him for four like a man released.

gear in the afternoon.

ALISTRALIA: First Innin
I. J. Steer c. Jecobs b Welch
I. G. Brieft c. Leza b Welsch
I. L. Larger c. Jacobs b Walch
I. L. Larger c. Jacobs b Walch
I. L. Waugh b Peny
S. R. Waugh b Peny
S. R. Waugh b Louisns
I. S. Blewed low b Welsch
I. A Healy run bul.
I. A Healy run bul.
I. Warne c. Joseph b Colling
I. G. Miccoll c. Joseph b Collins
D. McGrath not cult.
Last 60 1, 1b 3, nb 17) ALISTRALIA: First Innings

WEST MORES: First Image Campbell b McGrati Agnorals low b Gillespie Roturbs C Warne b McGrath

TRID Jacobs, NIO Perry, C.E.L. Ambrose and C.A. Wallet to bet

Robertson takes centre stage



Makeba Perry slam-dunks for Manchester Giants in their Uni-ball Trophy final victory over Derby Storm

BASKETBALL

Baker deliveries vital for Giants

Manchester Giants . Derby Storm...

By Nicholas Harling

FOR those of us who went along to the National Exhibition Centre expecting a one-sided contest on Saturday, the Uni-Ball Trophy final had two

saving graces.

The first was that Derby
Storm made a gallant game of
it before succumbing to Manchester Giants. The second, a blessing for most Englishmen, was that Ronnie Baker, the only current home-based Eng-land international, was voted most valuable player.

But for the presence of Baker in the Giants' back court, where he raised the ternpo and shot five invaluable three pointers, Laszlo Nemeth. the England coach, could have been forgiven for believing he was wasting his time among the 6.500 crowd. "What else is there apart from Ronnie," Nemeth replied when asked why he had bothered to

Nick Nurse, the Giants' coach, was full of debt to the darting, dextrous 5ft 4in Baker for bringing the first honour to Manchester's basketball in all its different guises for 13 years. "If he hadn't banged in those

ugly." Nurse said, recalling his squad's early indifferent start that left them facing a potential upset

Derby, without the banned pair of Yorick Williams and Rico Alderson, were further weakened by the recent knee ligament injury that kept Nick Donovara, the 6ft Him England centre, on the bench. In the circurnstances it was astonishing not only that Derby's depleted squad clutched more offensive rebounds than Manchester, but led for so long. Martin Ford, Maurice Rob-

inson and John Tresvant challenged for every loose ball to retain the advantage that Nate Reinking was primarily responsible for giving the Storm. He sank the first seven points to the huge delight of his coach Bob Donewald, ever the showman, who acted as unofficial cheerleader, pleading with the Derby supporters to raise the decibel level.

For the first three minutes those supporters were in heaven. It took the Giants that long to open their account through Baker whose third long-range shot reduced the Derby advantage to 18-17 at the end of their first quarter.

The English trailed 5-8, led 12-8, then slipped to 12-13 at ATHLETICS: BIRCHFIELD HARRIER WITH ACTING ASPIRATIONS WINS NATIONAL MEN'S TITLE

Birmingham's National Indoor Arena and put 4,000 hearts in their owners' mouths by missing four match points before Archer's low serve and quick kill finished it.

Earlier, Ye Zhaoying be-came the first player since Judy Hashman in 1964 to win the women's singles title three times in a row, though the final against Dai Yun, her compatriot, was little more than a training exercise. Ye's 9-11, 11-5, 11-1 win was played almost in silence, unlike the hypertension surrounding the men's final won by Peter Gade, the world No I from Denmark, who was embraced by his girlfriend. Camilla Martin, the other Danish world No I, after she had disentangled herself from a tussle with two rather conscientious siewards.

Gade won the sport's oldest title 15-11, 7-15, 15-10 against its youngest finalist in the open era. Tawfik Hidayat, 17. of indonesia, who remained the sensation of the tournamen after earlier heating two of the leading seeds.

Rb8

Wasim inaugurates a new hall of fame

schools netball championships

hatever the out-

come, Craydon

High School had

every reason to celebrate the 31st annual

national schools champion-

ships at Roedean School on

Saturday, With teams qualify-

ing from all three age groups.

the occasion marked a person-

al milestone for Croydon's head of netball, Liz Robertson,

who has guided sides to the finals for 30 successive years.

in recognition of her achieve-ment, it would have rounded

off a remarkable day if one of

Robertson's teams had

triumphed. She had returned

with the same under-19 side

who lost last year's final but in

the end she had to settle for

two fifth places and a seventh.

Robertson said: "It's been

Presented with an engraved pen and pencil set by the All England Netball Association

WASIM AKRAM, the Pakistan captain, became the first bowler to claim a hat trick in two consecutive Test matches yesterday as Pakistan took a firm grip on the Asian Test final on the third day in Dhaka. Wasim's feat came after double centuries by IJaz Ahmed and inzamam-ui Haq had left Sri Lanka on the brink of a heavy defeat. ijaz made 211 and Jozamson an imbeaten 200 as Pakistan ground down the Sri Lanka at-

tack to pile up an imposing . 594 shortly before the close. Wasim then created a sensation as Sri Lanka, needing 364 to avoid an innings defeat, slipped to nine for three in 13 deliveries before stimps.

The former Lacashire cap-with Kallis keeping him tain, who achieved a similar company on 148 as the touring feat in the Labore Yest last side advanced to 442 for one-

week, destroyed the tired top order with speed and move-ment. He had Avishka Gunawardena caught brilliantly in the stips by Shahid Afridi-from his fifth ball and shat-tered the stumps of the night-watchman, Chaminda Vaas, from the peri. Wasim re-moved Mahela Jayawardena with his first hall of the next over, having him caught in

the slips.
In Christianci, Herschelle

Gibbs and Jacques Kallis shared a record unbeaten second-wicket stand of 315 as South Africa established a lead of 274 to take into the final day of the second Test against New Zealand. Gibbs rished the fourth day on 211

proud of the school's achieve

in Sussex, playing 225 matches

Last season's runners-up

captured their first national

title in the under-14 section.

and Our Lady's Chetwynde,

and Rawtenstall

finals.

Bacup

SNOW REPORTS

swiveled to pull McGrath gloriously and then greeted the appearance of Stuart MacGill by smashing his first

ball, a full toss, to the bounds-ry and driving him contemptu-

ously through the covers.

Lara had been given gallant support by Pedro Collins, the bowler who had gone in as nightwatchman 20 minutes before the close on Saturday and

stayed for another 40 minutes

yesterday, helping Lara to add 22 before he was felled by a

ball from Jason Gillespie that

This brought in Jimmy. Adams, but well as he played in support of Lara, there was

no comparison between the

two. At lunch, when he had

made 42, Lara went off to a

standing ovation from the

George Headley Stand and

though he went through his stickiest patch against McGrath immediately afterwards, edging high to the left of second slip, where even Mark Waugh could not cling to the catch, he moved up a

forced him to retire hurt.

FALL OF WACKETS: 1-4, 2-5, 2-17, 4-34

Pugsley provides English National senior men's

cross country champion but, had the actor in him been more talented, he would have been appearing at the National rather than running in it. The stage is Pugsley's first love. The 27-year-old Birchfield

Harrier won the title between rehearsals for his school production of The Wizard of Oz. The Yellow Brick Road on Friday and Sunday, the ploughed fields of Newark and Notts Showground on Saturday.

"Running is the bane of my life." Pugsley said, a somewhat surprising admission from a highly-trained athlete. "It is not what I want to be doing. I want to be singing in a musical at the West End." Extraordinary. Never in the 112-year history of this cherished old championship can there have been such a reluctant holder of the title.

the school have been invited to

attend the academy training.

Winners of the under-14 group

last year, their coach. Thea

Hassall, must take much of

the credit for steering her

young side to successive titles.

seen numerous changes, espe-

cially in the standard of play. It has improved unbelieva-

bly." she said. "And it's amaz-

ing how much more netball is played at all levels. I think it's

become very physically demanding for the players,

but this event is unique in that

it gives so many girls the

opportunity to represent their

school and take on the best."

Since 1970. Robertson has

the theatrics

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

Barry Royden, who was runner-up for the second time but who has never won it, has made it his life's goal. All but a handful of the 1,500 who followed Pugsley to the finish know that, for them, winning can only ever be fantasy, never

an ambition. Yet Pugsley does not live and breathe running, like those around him. "I have been given this ability but, if there was something I could do instead. I would do it.

"I went for an audition for a West End musical and saw how many talented people

Dealer South

1 C

♠ K973

OK10932

Price

Pasa 2S

V 72

East won the ace of spades

and returned the six to

West's king. If West lazily

continues spades at this point, declarer ruffs, cashes

the ace of diamonds, ruffs a

diamond, and throws him

back in with ace and another

dub. Now when he returns a

heart declarer puts in the ten

and ducks East's jack. East

is endplayed and South

escapes for two down, only

But West, David Price,

was wide awake and

switched to the seven of

hearts at trick three. Zia cov-

ered with the ten and craftily

let the jack hold. Again a

spade back fails: declarer

ruffs, eliminates diamonds,

cashes the aces of chibs and

hearts and throws West in

with the king of clubs to con-

Winning the National is there were and I thought: "I every club runner's dream. am not that good"." Nevertheless, away from the West End, he has appeared in Chess, Sweeney Todd and Barnum.

Fittingly, Pugsley brought a theatrical end to his victory at Newark. In the finish funnel he received a rose from Mary Gash, the English Cross Country Association president. "I don't know you, but I love you," he shouted.

Bursting into song, Pugsley gave a chorus of Please Release Me. Yet he cannot be released from the chains of athletics. I crave to be recognised and it is the one thing I can do to achieve that," he said.

4 AQ106

Q QJ874

cede a ruff-and-discard

Townsend carefully played

back a diamond to remove

entry short to eliminate both

spades and diamonds, and

West has an exit card when

he gets in with the king of

clubs. The defenders get all

five of their tricks for +800.

Hard work for a mere 5 IMP

swing.

☐ The European Open and

Seniors Pairs start in Warsaw today. Good luck to all

British contestants, though

they will do well to come

home with any medal as

France and Poland have both

sent most of their top players.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in

Sport and in the Weekend

section on Saturday.

Now declarer is a dummy

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

The datum (average result) on today's hand from the

Macallan International Pairs was +600 to East-West as game

is cold in spades or diamonds. It was therefore imperative for

East-West to collect the full +800 from South's sacrifice in Five

Clubs to gain on the board, rather than +500 and lose on it.

A 852

O AS

O 0 10 3

S

V A854

3 C

this threat.

4J4

#J10754

Pugsley is soon to become house master in charge of 18 choristers at Lichfield. "I look at these kids running and see their enthusiasm," Pugsley said. "It makes me think: 'Why have I not got it?"
From Newark, Pugsley was
off to see the wizard, the
wonderful Wizard of Oz. The

National field conquered, now Dorothy was in his sights. "Dorothy was dodgy on Friday," Pugsley said. As director of the production, there was work to do before opening night. "Judy Garland would not have had as hard a time as I give them." he

For race drama, the senior women's event topped the bill. Angela Newport came from third place, with 400 metres to go, to win. Most races were marked by runaway victories. none more so than Sam Haughian's by Imin 34sec in the under-20 event.

EENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Cambridge win

Cambridge University, the slight underdog in the annual Varsity match against Oxford. scored an overwhelming victory which belied the fact that the only grandmaster present was playing for the Dark Blues side.

The contest was held at the RAC in London and sponsored by Tony Buzan and the Brain Trust charity. Full results are as follows (Cambridge players precede Oxford players on the list):Brian Kelly (Trinity) v Dharshan Kumaran (Green), Draw; Harriet Hunt (St Johns) v Jonathan Rowson (Keble), Draw: Mark Ferguson (Queens) v Aleksander Trifunovich (St Annes). Draw; Karl Mah (Pembroke) Oliver Rosten (Sommerville), Draw; James Vigus (St Dunstans) v Benjamin Savage (Lady Margaret), I-O; David Moskovich (Queens) v Joel Ouaknine (St Cross), I-O; Aron

Cohen (Queens) v Kieran Smallbone (New), Draw; Nathan Alfred (Kings) v Emily Howard (Lincoln), 1-0; Total: The following game won the

brilliancy prize awarded by Rowe and Mawe, City solici-White David Moskovic

Black: Joel Ouaknine Varsity Match 1999 Sicilian Defence

ďΔ Nxd4 Nxc6

12 b3 15 Rae1 16 Qe2 Diagram of final position 1 数 数 1 主義 建主義主

Qh5+

11 Bd2

Keene online

You can send me your queries, puzzles, prob-lems and games direct by email. The address is keenechess@aol.com. The best contributions from Times readers will be published either here or in the Saturday Times Weekend col-

Times Book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from International Grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times. and is available from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01797 369966 at £6.99+p&p).

CLUB Variou 160.340 Good Spring Alon of Huez 150 590 Good Station 165 255 Good Sugar 160 330 Good Station 8/3 LA Plage Las Arca 95, 200 157 270 20 378 Guille Com Henry Sun Val-Harrier Fair. Vet dilabet 140270 139 160 Good Open 232 232 Good Open

Cathy Harris reports on the exciting closing rounds of the national SPORT jolly hard work and I'm very ments. The expectations are immense but I honestly don't mind when they lose. I'm sure in schools

the girls at Croydon are no different to any others in that they're involved in so many other activities and some will probably never play again once they've left school. I firmly believe that enjoyment is the most important factor and you can't win all the time."... Starting at the end of last year with county and regional qualifying games, 54 teams from three age groups made the most of bright conditions

on 12 courts en route to the



from Cumbria, crushed Oldham VI Form College's hopes of becoming the first team to make it a hat-trick of wins when they lifted their third under-19 title in six years. Fairbourne, by a solitary goal.



eight area academies.



tors, Liz Broomhead, along with the management teams of the jurior national squads attended the event to identify talent for the England under-17 and England 2000 squads. Players will be invited to training camps at one of

MDER-19: Seni-Arrelis: Bableto 7 Our Lady's Chelwynde 13: Barton Perent 10 New Cotage 7 Finals Ou Lady's Chelwynde 9 11 Barton Pevert 9: Under-19: Seni-Senise: English Martyns 8 Brodoums 9: Farfes 8: Under-19: Seni-Senise: Brodoums 7 Farfes 9: Under-19: Seni-Senise: Brodoums 7 Gable Half 11; Farfes 9 Bacus and Rawtenessal. 15: Finals: Gable Half 7 Resus and Rawtenessal 11. Hayley-Costick, a goal at-tack from Barton Peveril sicth

A goal attack has her sights set on scoring during the finals of the national schools netball championships

WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard

VISHNUITE a. A Hindu b. A metal c. Aretic twilight

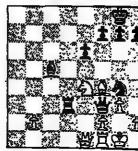
ZERUMBET a. A conical head-dress h. An aromatic plant c. A Carthaginian god

ZYGAENA a. A gypsy b. A grammatical hiatus c. A fish

VALETAILLE a. A lot of valets b. A farewell speech A Provençal cabbage Answers on page 46

Black to play. This position is

from the game Garbarczyk -Krasenkov, Poland 1998. Black has tremendous pres-



WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene

sure against the f2-square. Can you calculate the fine tactical sequence which he found to exploit this?

Solution on page 46

Keegan confronts some painful realities

n the day that Eng-land's third coach of this year was appointed, one newspaper decided that there was no point in wasting time. "Keegan must go," declared the headline, although the not merely the one he stands tongue was firmly wedged in the cheek.

The depressing notion, as Keegan sits down to select his first international squad this week, is that it will not be a campaign by nasty football hacks that makes his job an impossible one. It is that it is the players, or rather the lack of truly outstanding ones, that has brought down successive

Where, for example, does Keegan find a left-sided mid-

critical European championship qualifier a week on Saturday? We are not talking about a great player, not even a very good one, but any international footballer whose left leg is on when he is kicking the ball with his right. Answers by Thursday, please, to Lancaster

Darren Anderton was dispatched reluctantly to the left in the 2-0 defeat by France last month and looked as if he had been dropped on Mars. Instead of impressing Keegan at Pride Park on Saturday, Steve McManaman, who should have filled the role for the last two years, spent Saturday afternoon watching television.

Matt Dickinson says the new England manager's options are limited as he ponders his first squad selection

"He was not injured, not ill," Gérard Houllier, his Liver-

pool manager, said, but he is moving to Real Madrid in the summer. So, through no fault of his own, one of the country's most talented footballers is spending his days twiddling his thumbs. Given that it will be hard to

select McManaman, does Keegan opt for Steve Guppy. Leicester City's hard-working winger? He thinks so highly of him that, while manager of Newcastle United, he let him go to Port Vale without play-

ing a league game. Jason Wilcox? The right-footed Paul Merson? Or does he push Graeme Le Saux into midfield with Phil Neville or Andy Hinchcliffe at left back?

Nor is central midfield a treasure chest, although there are promising young players available to him. Paul Ince is suspended so Keegan is spared the task of telling Liver-pool's slowing captain that his international career is edging towards its close.

is that there will be a recall for

of a ball for England was that penalty miss against Argentina. To put Jamie Redknapp alongside him would make a one-paced midfield, even though the Liverpool player has become more dynamic, so Paul Scholes may be the best

That is assuming, of course, that David Beckham is kept wide on the right. What England would give for a player. like Patrick Vieira, who cannot get into the France side.

Hoddle had to go. There is no latitude for mismanaging what few brilliant players we do have, and Hoddle was increasingly guilty of it.

For Keegan, we can at least expect the players to perform with zest. Alan Shearer should be revitalised by the reunion with the man who signed him for Newcastle United. From Le Saux to Beckham, Cole to Sutton, there should be a lifting of the suspicion that had injected the Hoddle camp. But let nobody go into the next few months believing that Engaround purely by Keegan's

stirring patriotism. England are still trying to catch up. This remains one of the few leading football countries where ten-year-old kids still run about on big pitches with big goals instead of improving their technique. At the professional level, we remain the only country where international players are applauded for whacking

the ball into the stands. That is why Keegan is enti-tied to a sympathetic gallery, and why the FA also deserves some understanding as it deliberates on his successor. Alex Ferguson continues to be the name tossed around, but it is a vain hope. The word is that he

land's problems can be turned. believes he is working with a. superior group of players already, and he is probably

> Keegan must be treated gently, not least because of his notoriously brittle temperament. It came close to shattering this season when the day job - management of Fulham in the Nationwide League second division - took a turn for the worse. Beaten for the first time at Craven Cottage, by Luton Town, Keegan threat-ened to resign if his players did not listen to instructions. The England coach should have no cause to step down after the game with Poland. The Poles can, and should, be beaten. But he needs all the support he can get.

'There are no surprises left in golf, only disappointments'—sad sentiments from a bygone hero

Fallen Faldo still refuses to flirt with failure

n January this year, Nick Faldo uttered the most depressing words I have heard on a golf course for a long time. He had just completed a bad round at the Houghton course in Johannesburg, another bad round, and was heading towards the practice ground again. "There are no surprises left in golf, only disappointments," Faldo said. This from the man who was once ranked the best golfer in the world for 80 weeks, whose mental strength obliterated Greg Norman in the Masters three years ago. who has won more major championships — six in all — since 1980 than any other golfer.

When success is around, failure is never far behind because the greater the degree of success, the greater the risk of failure. Faldo has had plenty of success. By many yardsticks, though, he is, at present, a failure. His consistency, once a byword, has gone. Only two of his 12 strokeplay rounds this year have been under par, so it is the halfway cut in four of the five events in which he has competed. He is struggling to remain not in the top 50 but in the top 100 players in the world. His putting, which he used to practice on the linoleum in the kitchen of his parents' home. comes and goes and his ball striking is erratic.

Yet Faldo refuses to countenance the word failure. At its mention, he frowns and grimaces, as a priest might at an obscenity. "There is no point in thinking about it," he said.
"You set yourself a goal, in this case to be in the Ryder Cup team, and there is no point in interjecting failure into it, otherwise there is no point in having it as a goal. You might as well give up.

"Sure, I might not make it, but I'm not going to let everyone think it is going to happen. If you think your ball is going to go into the lake, where does it go? That's the whole beauty of having something as a goal. It keeps you going, keeps you positive, keeps you out there. You've got to keep pursuing your goals and, if you can't be bothered to set goals or if a goal is failure. then you've got no chance. "It is frustrating because I know

what I can do. I have done it in the

past - stood up there with an Iron in my hand and fired it, whooooosh, straight at the flag. but the bottom line is that there is something wrong. It is not somegoing to be all right'. I can't see

thing that is in the lap of the gods.

It is there and you still have to find it. It is a process of elimination." Does it ever occur to Faldo that

reply came quickly. "No. Work is always the answer. "I don't believe the answer is sitting in an armchair saying well, I'll forget it for a week. It's all

"I come out every day really feeling good. I get up, go out to the golf

that theory working at all.

JOHN

HOPKINS



some good things to work on. Let's go out and play and let it all happen. I am really looking forward to it. Those sort of thoughts. And what happens? Usually, I get a walloping. I think today it is going to change and it doesn't. That's the

"I get angry out there. I get as mad as hell. That is either the wonderful thing or the hardest thing about golf. There are no guarantees in it. Put your clubs down for three months and you're rusty again. You've got to work your way back into it. Not many players don't work at it. All the greats have worked on it.

"I have had a lot of letters from people who have got the answer to my problem. I've had a few belters. I love the one that started off 'it's simple. I can solve your problems' and there were six pages of the tiniest writing you've ever seen in your life. It must have been well over 2,000 words. I didn't even read it. I thought if this is lines — do this, do that."

Then you are down as low as Faldo, any recovery can only come in small stages. "You have to take it step by step. The next step is to start playing really solid, start getting some decent scores, get to the right end of the leaderboard. Then, we start looking at winning again. Win a regular event before we start thinking of winning majors, I guess."

And if, in the process, Faldo were not to make the Ryder Cup team? What would that mean? "I am planning to. I am not going to think negatively like that. A couple of months here [in the United States to sort it out and then I will go back to Europe and start chipping away at the points.

Nothing is easy at the moment. Yes, there are moments when you begin to wonder about it all. The game is giving you a beating all the time. You have to be very determined, that's the bottom line. You have got to keep chipping away all the time. I'll get there in the end. That's my attitude. I know I will. It ain't gonna beat me. I'm not going



Present dilemma: Faldo curses his wedge during the recent matchplay championships in California.

Sports letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a daytime telephone number.

SPORTS LETTERS

E-mail, including a postal address and daytime telephone number, should be sent to: sport letters@the times co.uk

Lewis fight aftermath

From Mr Cyril Wigmore Sir, it seems surprising that, despite all the millions of words written and spoken in pre-fight speculation about the likely result of the Holyfield-Lewis heavyweight championship, not one of the experts realised that the outcome had to be a draw,"

A victory for either boxer would have reduced the income from the inevitable rematch by many millions of dollars.

Yours faithfully. C.H.WIGMORE. Uplands, Syreford Road. Shipton Oliffe, Cheltenham GL54 4JG cwigmore@globalnet.co.uk

From Mr Paul Vanchiere Sir. On behalf of Americans who witnessed the Lewis-HolyThere is no doubt in my

mind that he dominated the fight throughout the entire evening. He is truly the new undisputed champion of the world. Shamefully witnessed. PAUL VANCHIERE. 3319 Swanson Lane. Lake Charles. Louisiana 70601.

paul.vanchiere@prodigy.net Varsity boxing

From Mr Neil Allen Sir. On the subject of the Varsity boxing match (report. March II) of course there should never be an "unofficial" weigh-in for such a potentially dangerous sport as boxing as, reportedly, Oxford

underwent at midday. It

should have had official

observers from the Amateur

Boxing Association.

field fight this evening. I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Lennox

From Mr Christopher Downs Sir. I watched the France-Wales rugby union match and, though not normally delirious about Wales recording a win, thought the match represented everything

wonderful about this game.

Then came England. What a myopic. introspective, boring encounter that turned out to be. Woodward's comments that he didn't care about the 22 penalties and that winning was the only important result flies in the face of what the watch-

On the other hand, and far

more important to me. early

weigh-ins - hopefully even 24

hours before a match - can do

so much to avoid the kind of

drastic weight reduction, and

consequent risk of dehydra-

tion, which such British world

professional boxing champi-

ons as Duke McKenzie, Lloyd

Honeyghan and Glenn Mc-

Crory have told me that they

ing public want.
I remember Woodward, along with

Lessons from the uplifting win by Wales in Paris

Cusworth. Hare and Dodge displaying their skills for Leicester, and what a joy they were to watch. Today the awful predictability of the England team, and total lack of innovative thought, belies talent that must be searching for a greater

Woodward must empower talented players with the chance to expand on their skills. The continual turning inside to seek the support of the colossal pack is indicative of the attitude that says we must not lose. Let's remember the Wales win with joy and hope that lessons will be

have sometimes undergone

Times Boxing Correspondent

64 Ruskin Walk, SE24 9LZ.

Sir. Boxing is not the Varsity

sport with the longest series of

victories, nor is the record held

From Mr Chris Haiey

during their boxing careers.

Yours faithfully.

NEIL ALLEN.

learnt by the English team management. Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER DOWNS.

Brook Lane, Billesdon, Leicester LE7 9AB. From Mr Jim Andrews Sir, After the match in France, Graham Henry's men must look ahead with the statistic of never having lost at the Stade de France rather than never having won in Paris for almost a quarter of a century.

Yours faithfully. JIM ANDREWS. 19 Waldemar Avenue, Ealing W13 9PZ.

by Oxford. Rather, it is anothmore won by the Light Blues. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER HALEY. er of the oldest Blues sports: target rifle shooting. The Cambridge University Rifle Associ-Captain, Cambridge University Rifle Association.

against Oxford for 18 years. St. John's College, CB2 ITP. A similar run was obtained by the Cambridge Uni-Cup squads versity Small-Bore Club be-

From Mr M. Varcoe-Cocks fore their defeat two years ago. Sir, Although no more than II However, their Varsity match held last month was once

any one time in competitions such as World Cups for football and cricket, preliminary and final squads have to be announced by certain dates. England's cricker selectors had to obtain confirmation that if any of the members of the World Cup team broke down, they could be replaced, even though the tournament does

not start until May 14. Final squads have to be announced by the first week in April — why? I can understand that organisers of a tour-nament might limit the number of competitors and management for which expenses will be paid, but I cannot understand why a team should not be allowed to pick whatever players they want right up to the start of any game. What is the rationale

for this absurd rule? Yours sincerely, MICHAEL VARCOE-COCKS. 5 Brackenbury Road,

W6 0BE. varcoc@dircon.co.uk

White balls

From Dr Anthony Freeman Sir. Richard Hobson (report, March 2) refers to the fact that the white cricket ball is noten ous for swinging and seaming more than the red cricket ball.

ine hα aπ γ −

[결렇되면(Heid | 14)

مربان يتراقيا

Emples of

Little have been

Magion-Page Street

bean to the

diverse and to real

gerätzili. Türk f

Fink Annie han bez

biofthem life to

The nickname

has the branch in the baseline in the baseline

the read

Gussie matel : 19 11 and a. Vac-

been flourers in the

Yea furt figure

152 545

and the stage

1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 2 - 2 - 2

and the state of the state of

机工品工业设备会

It also has other advantages. it has been estimated that one in 12 men though only one in 200 women, have an inherited failure to distinguish between

red and green. I recall one cricketer who could not understand as a batsman why so often he lost sight of the ball which kept low, but when playing on matting wick-ets in India had no such prob-

lems. would advocate the use of a white (or yellow) cricket ball in all county and Test matches which would, in my opinion. benefit batsmen, fielders, umpires and spectators affice.

Yours etc. ANTHONY G. FREEMAN, Meadow Rise, 3 Lakeside; Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 IQE

ation has not lost its match

San Mar

- an entire

ooking back, perhaps the "undisputed" should not have figured so largely in Don King's promotion for the Holyfield-Lewis bout. Because an undisputed world heavyweight championship is what this event turned out precisely not to be

I personally dispute it, for a start. And I will personally knock down anyone who doesn't. "Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness THRUST UPON THEM." King boomed at his deplorable postfight press conference, after the unjust draw had been awarded. "Tonight," he added, "Lennox Lewis had greatness THRUST UPON HIM."

Which was again a pretty insensitive category mistake, since Lewis's greatness had been very much of the achieved sort, actually, but then stolen from him in such a blatant manner that regular fight-goers were grey-faced afterwards from the weary, cynical

outrage of it. Up to the moment of the judges' decision, it had been a quite beguiling evening. Grazing on excellent Madison Square Garden salt popcorn, we could engage in harmless star-spotting through our binoculars, point out Jack Nicholson and Vinnie Jones, and mourn the discovery that Liam Neeson looks, in weak-chinned profile, worryingly similar to Lord

The cauldron of the MSG boiled with more than 21,000 people; in a city full of static electricity. where every doorknob and lift button administers a shock, one doesn't use the expression "buzz" lightly, but buzz there certainly

A mobbish English crowd predictably jeered The Star-Spangled Banner. They even booed the American celebrities, and chanted that Don King was a "fat bastard", thus proving yet again that you can take the lootball fan out of England, but not Engerland out of the football fan.

But when the fighters finally snaked a path to the ring at 11.15pm. and the flashbulbs popped, it was magic. The roar, the colour, the occasion, Finally we would see what these guys really were made of. And, incidentally, what enormous shorts! I had no

Lewis said in an interview recently that every time his face appeared on the cover of an American magazine, it had a question mark next to it. Well, his mystery turned out to be both his weakness and his strength in this bout on Saturday night.

The trouble is, he is not a killerinstinct kind of guy. He is a big, thoughtful man who expends minimum effort for optimum effect and apparently knows exactly what he's doing. From the moment the first-round bell sounded, Holyfield appeared to be back-pedalling on the spot, inviting Lewis to show what he could do. Perhaps he wanted to be tested to unbearable lengths again, so that he could win (as usual) by bloody warrior courage alone. But Lewis wasn't playing that game, because he knew it didn't work. And for that relief (as King's own tame Swan of Avonused to say), much thanks.

You see, some of us didn't relish the idea of watching Holyfield half-killed in the ring. However, we'd been led to believe that only by half-killing him could Lewis beat him. It was therefore a fantastic feeling to watch Lewis outbox Holyfield in round after round and prove that half-killing an inferior opponent is an option that a

smart fighter can ignore. That's how I saw it, anyway. saw that while working Holyfield relentlessly with the famous left

iab, and openly dominating him, Lewis was like an angler teasing a fish on his line. Just because he didn't bang the fish on the head with a mallet doesn't mean he didn't catch him. Put it this way: at very few moments did the fish take

So euphoria turned to acid outrage when the judges' decisions were announced. Especially when we heard that the first call was so tight (115-113). "How can it be so

close?" was the initial puzzle. which was then swept aside by the announcement that this was the result in favour of Holyfield. The next judge announced in favour of Lewis and the third announced a draw. It still makes me feel sick to think about it.

It wasn't just unbelievable, it was the American variant that comes in two separate words: "Un" and "Believable." One minute the jubilant Lewis had

shing away the question mark for ever, the next it came flying back like a boomerang and knocked him over. So the bout that was supposed to settle everything had settled nothing — except perhaps that you can fool all of the people all of the time. I felt that I had been tricked. I felt that all the punters had been tricked, and especially I felt that Lewis had been taken for

an enormous sucker. In short, I felt (briefly) like torch-

ing the joint. Not a soul I spoke to agreed with the judges. On the sports network, ESPN, the bearded pundit who all week had given Lewis no chance against Holyfield picked up the judgment and fore it up. All the ostensible good work of this unification contest, in proving that boxing was sorting itself out as a legitimate sport, now looked hollow. So I am not happy, the morning after the contest. I am wearing the souvenir T-shirt, but only because it's clean. The one consolation is that Lewis, thank goodness, was so pleased to have proved his mettle to the world that he stood proud and fresh as a daisy at the press conference while Holyfield evinced sweat and pain

and distress. Now that everyone knows Lewis won the bout, they can stop saying he's untested, which must be a huge relief. Even Lewis's trainer, Emanuel Steward, gave the impression of being unconvinced before, but not now. Now he's just furious. Lewis from now on will

have sympathy as well as respect. But to the judges one can say only three words. Dolland and Aitchison. Meanwhile, king brazened it out, of course, because it takes more than a disgraceful outcome to deprive King of his almighty nerve, "What this is, is more excitement." he announced. wilfully ignoring the murderous mood of his listeners. "It ain't over yet, this is so great! What do you do when you got a dispute? You resolve it! So let's do it again! Let's do it again! Hey, judge not that ve

be not judged!"

But it turns out that boxing stinks after all, Mr King, though not for the reasons that I had supposed. All week I feared the spectacle of violence - physical violence, one on one; each man battering the other's skull, But I hadn't figured the event for a mugging. Which it was. I'm afraid. Truly Un Believable (sic). And I regret to say it, but "Only in America!" sounds worse than ever on Don King's lips right now.



Iron glove: Lewis catches Holyfield with the kind of brutal punching power that ensures from now on he will have the sympathy as well as the respect of the boxing world. Photograph: Kathy Willens

ussie Fink-Nottle looked at the nickname embroidered on his ancient silk shorts. and sighed. Professional boxing had been a good life and

an interesting one. Little had he expected, for example, that his splendid sporting bouts in the old days against Cuthbert "Mark of the Beast" Larrington-Pueh would bring him to the attention of the New York fighting scene. Gussie made a fist and observed it. Nineteen men had been floored by this hand of stone — men with epithets as diverse and terrifying as "Executioner", "Hitman", "Heat", "Surgeon" and "Alarming". Yes, Gussie "After You" Fink-Nottle had carpeted the lot of them. He was in the his-

tory books.
The nickname "After You" was the brainwave of his manager. Lindy "Cheesecake" LaGuardia. After

After you. No, after you

much deliberation, it was conceded that menacing, boastful epithets simply wouldn't work for Fink-Nottle, and that was that "It's tough, but there ain't no point fightin' it." Cheesecake said. Thus, Gussie "The Real Deal" Fink-Nottle was considered briefly, only to be discarded. "The Utter Fink" had a promising timbre but it upset the well-bred Gussie to be associated with a soubriquet so patently untrue.

Cheesecake then noticed something happening. "After You" was such a startlingly unfamiliar concept in the New York boxing world that Gussie was found to be fatally disarming his opponents by sheer good manners, and first-round knockouts were becoming the norm.

"Waddaya mean, after you?" queried the puzzled boxers. "Demolition" and "Cobra", as they paused to absorb the alien message embroidered on Gussie's waistband. And in the split second that confusion rendered them vulnerable. Fink-Nonle would slip in a sharp, explosive right upper-cut, and retire yet again undefeated to

his corner for his trademark

Earl Grey with lemon in a

his potential nemesis. The

It couldn't last, however. And being so well-bred, Gus-sie did not mind. In fact, he remembered with a pleasure the night the Fink-Nottle ascendancy looked set to cease. Cheesecake had bowed to pressure for a proper fight and matched Gussie against world of boxing was aflame with speculation. Would "After You" meet his match at 10:07

For Gussie was to meet Tommy "The Zip" Mostel; but a Zip who had cumningly announced a name-change for the contest. Unsurprisingly. Gussie was disappointed · but only because he had spent many weeks looking forward to quipping, "I say, rotten luck, Zip. You seem to have been undone".

For, in fact, he was secretly pleased when he heard the fateful news from Cheesecake on the phone. "He's calling himself 'Allow Me' Can you believe that? Tommy 'Allow Me' Mostel? And you know what he's sayin? He's sayin' you're the real salami. and that modesty, not to men-

tion excellent good manners forbids a prediction of the outcome of this contest. This is one clever Zip. Gossiel There ain't no flies on him!"

And so the world of boxing was turned on its head that night when "After You" and "Allow Me" squared up to each other. The cable net-works called the contest Men Behaving Decorously". On the plus side it irrevocably ended a lengthy era of rather silly pre-match bragging, though on the minus, it swung things rather too far in the opposite direction.

Gussie switched on the teleision, where the rehabilitated Mike "Who Me?" Tyson was preparing to challenge for the world heavyweight titie, and declaring he proba-bly wouldn't win it. "No, real-Who, me?" Tyson said, shyly. "Good heavens, have you never heard the expression that there's many a slip 'twixt cup and lip?"

No escape from the fans

I DON'T know what boxing fans are usually like, but the discovery that Lennox Lewis's barmy army was a tedious replica of the England Supporters' Club was seriously depressing on Saturday night.

I hadn't come 3,000 miles to hear the theme from The Great Escape; I had come 3,000 miles to get away from it. Here was dreary confirmation that travel fails to broaden the mind. The fans claimed to be walking in a Lewis wonderland, (oh God), and then they chanted, 'Lewis, Lewis" as if he were Shearer, Shearer.

True, the fans settled down during the fight and gave Lewis invaluable support, but it was unsettling after just a week away from football to find the behaviour transplanted to a venue I assumed had exotic and different traditions. The flags of St George came out; men shouted while standing and pointing. A ten-second silence for Joe di Maggio was not observed by all. And when the various front-row celebrities were announced

astonishingly, were booed.

Now this was bizarre. What on earth did this crowd have against Jerry Seinfeld? Are they sore he has given up the show, and refuses to make a further series? Do they prefer Larry Sanders? Or what?

for our delight, most of them.

They booed Paul Simon with similar confidence, presumably on account of overexposure to Bridge Over Troubled Water, but I'm only guessing Nationality was probably a key thing in their animosity. Also ignorance. Clearly they had never heard of Spike Lee, but harboured unsuspected hattred in their hearts for Donald Trump, Michael J.

Fox and John Cusack. But having said all that. why the enormous cheer for Jack Nicholson? I am as big a fan as anybody of his performance in Chinatown, but I don't see it makes him an honorary Brit. All I can say with certainty is that the big cheer for Chris Eubank is not a reflection of his popularity at home. When he drives round Brighton in his silly American jeep, we are so embarrassed that we pretend we haven't noticed.

0.00

٠...

·.: :

Boxing's vileness proves a great draw

They were great marks was that it gave us an altogeth-for technical merit, but er unexpected and refreshing Lennox Lewis failed to score heavily enough for artistic impression. So Lewis joins the long line of the disappointed divas of sport, with Olga Korbut, Katarina Witt and the rest. But that's the way it is in subjectively judged events and like rhythmic gymnasts and dressage riders, Lewis must live with it.

Lewis was very clever and stylish and performed moves
with a very high degree of difficulty. The result - a 0-0 draw. I think it was - was not fair. But anyone who is involved with professional boxing and expects fairness could take lessons in cynicism from Little Red Riding Hood. And that counts octuple when you have anything to do with Don King. Boxing, how do you disgust me? Let me count the ways. No, let me not: it would take

far too long. The interesting

thing about the world heavy-

weight title bout between Holy-

field and Lewis on Saturday

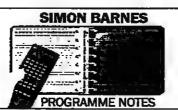
er unexpected and refreshing reason to be disgusted.

For once, the contestants were men of style and substance. Holyfield walks into the arena singing hymns and climbs into the ring with a beatific smile like a Christian about to meet a long-lost lion, a man who magnificently manages to give the impression he is content - eager - to take the adventure God sends him.

Lewis's serenity -- how odd to speak of serenity as the attribute of a great fighter, though not so odd if you have read anything of eastern combat forms - seems almost to have something of death about it. Barry Hearn once said of Steve Davis, the snooker champion, that he always knew Davis was going to win "when

his eyes went like a corpse". The contest was conducted with good manners. There were no mouthing and showboating and posturing characteristics of the lesser British boxing poser. The action,





though constantly ferocious, was not over-troubling to the squeamish, even at the Gestapo hours of the morning.

Then the truly astonishing result, the match scored as a draw. Which reminds us of the fast bowler story, told of just about every rough-diamond fast bowler that every drew breath: the palpable leg-before turned down, the audible snick to the wicketkeeper rejected and, the third ball, all three stumps uprooted. Bloody close that time,

though, weren't it?" The thing about such a dodgy, home-town, Don Kingfavouring decision is that it is simply part of boxing's stock the rest, it is a showbiz specta-

that decision that is not a serious sport, just a spectacle operating for the benefit of King.

If this was a sport, we would

all be seriously angry: call in Fifa, call in the IOC, send it all up to the highest court in sport. If sport cannot be fair, then what on earth is the point of it? This gut-feeling of the need for fairness was what prompted Arsenal to offer a replay after they won their FA Cup match against Sheffield United unfairly. It was also why the Football Association and Fifa accepted the offer.

But boxing has no higher court. That is because it is not about sorting out the best from in trade. Boxing showed in cle that makes money. In most

sports, a result such as this would have been a day in the death of that sport. But not with boxing. Such decisions are part of the sport's mystique. The attraction of the irredeemably dodgy remains one of boxing's highest draw cards. People are shocked by corruption at the Olympic Games, but they revel in the corruption of boxing. Boxing without corruption would be

the vodka. Even the fighters agreed that it was all wrong. Amazingly, the MC leapt into the ring at the conclusion and at once told Holyfield that everybody thought it was a clear win for the other guy. That wouldn't happen in this country.

like a Bloody Mary without

Holyfield managed to be neither defeatist nor defiant. He seemed to accept boxing's inevitable place in the mud at the bottom of the pond, and that he is a boxer and must live with it. The exchange was the most interesting part of a surreal evening of television

What was most apparent during the bout were the strength of mind of both characters and Lewis's cleverness. Throughout, Lewis managed to do just enough, always playing the percentages. He drove the half-volleys for four, but was mostly content to milk the bowling and work the singles. He never tried to slog across the line for six.

If he had been a cricketer, it would have been a deserved century. If he had been Steve Davis, he would have won the championship, thanks to superior safety play and smarter shot selection.

But this is boxing. So they didn't let him win. This is because boxing is not actually a sport at all, just highly remu-perative televised combat got up as a sport. Boxing is legal, if expensive, and its vileness is an essential part of its appeal. As Miss Jean Brodie said, for those who like that sort of thing, that is the sort of thing they like. Just don't go around pretending it's sport.

TELEVISION HIGHLIGHTS

Can the International Olympic Committee be trusted to prevent drug abuse and corruption wrecking the Garnes? Tonight Panorama (BBC 1, 10pm) finds leading athletes and doctors training their fire on the beleaguered Olympic movement, including Donovan Bailey, the 100m champion, and his disgraced predecessor. Ben Johnson. Tomorrow, Alan Hansen kicks off a series on the new player power, interviewing such commercially attractive like David Beckham, in Football Millionaires (BBC 1, 10.30pm).

THIS SPORTING WEEK IN THE TIMES

TOMORROW: The Chettenham Festival is the highlight of the National Hunt racing season. Alan Lee, racing correspondent, looks forward to three days of top-flight action at Prestbury Park and there is a colours guide to the the feature race of the day.

WEDNESDAY: Corruption and scandal has put the future of the Olympic Games in jeopardy. John Goodbody and Rob Hughes report from Lausanne on a meeting of the International Olympic Committee on which hengs the presidency of Juan Antonio Samaranch.

THURSDAY: Are Manchester United still on course to claim the European Cup after the second leg against Internazion-

FRIDAY: Will there be English interest in the semi-final draws for the two European club football competitions?

SATURDAY: Tottenham Hotspur and Leicester City prepare to decide the WorthIngton Cup - the first domestic trophy of the season — at Wembley while England continue their quest for the rugby five nations grand slam against France.

RUGBY UNION

Brotherly love not offered to Wolves

Warrington Wolves.....16

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

NEVER mind that this cup-tie was over after a few minutes. Bradford Bulls turned on a rare performance of panache and striking power that blew away a not-inconsiderable Warrington Wolves side to book their fifth Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final place in

eight years. Bradford now meet Leeds Rhinos at Huddersfield in the second semi-final on Sunday week - the day after Castleford Tigers encounter London Broncos at Headingley — with history beckoning them on. They defeated the Rhinos en mute to the 1996 and 1997

SEMI-FINALS

Castleford v London (at Headingley, March 27). (at McAlpine Stadium, March 28)

finals, when they were beaten both times at Wembley by St Helens. This year, for the first time since 1983, there are no Lancashire representatives in the last four. London could argue a case, as they were entered in the old Lancashire Cup at one time, but the extent of Yorkshire's domination was reflected by the manner of Bradford's demolition of a stunned Warrington. Henry and Robbie Paul led the Wolves a merry dance. One or both of the New Zealand brothers had a hand in seven of the ten tries, including a super-lative effort by Robbie.

Four were scored by Tevita Vaikona, the Tonga wing, as Warrington's defence crum-bled. The man-of-the-match award went to Henry over Robble by five votes. In all honesty, it could have gone to anyone in the Bulls' side. Matthew Elliott, the Bradford coach, praised teamwork as the key element. "Warrington are not as bad as they might

good today," he said. Worse followed for Warrington, with an allegation of gouging against Lee Briers, their young scrum half, which will be reviewed on video today by the Rugby Football League executive, as well as a further incident involving Danny Farrar, the captain, who was placed on report by

John Connolly, the referee. In contrast, an admirably disciplined Bradford were 28-0 ahead before they were penalised for the first time after 33

Salford Reds.....10

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BEING dispatched to the sin-

one match is unforgiveable.

Andy Gregory, the beaten Salford Reds coach, was in no

mood for apologies from

David Hulme, his errant

captain, or anyone else. "I've

told them not to come up and say sorry," an incandescent

On both occasions, Hulme

was dismissed temporarily for

interference at the play-the-ball, an area which Greg

McCallum, the referees' direc-

tor, spoke about in a meeting

last week with the JJB Super League coaches. Although not

Gregory said.

ed in vain to slow the play down, gave away a succession swamped. A fourth-minute penalty goal by Henry Paul merely hinted at the dangers, which were unleashed as Boyle scooted in from dummy half for the first of four tries in

When Mike Forshaw was not burrowing away at loose forward and putting colleagues into space, he was popping up in the centres, which he did for the next try. James Lowes, the hooker, laid on Vaikona's fourth score. while Danny Peacock, in the centre, and Paul Anderson. the heavyweight prop, who both missed last season through injury, announced their return with a vengeance. Darryl Van de Velde, the Waran "old-fashioned hiding."

The scant comfort to be drawn was that Bradford, in this mood, would probably have beaten anyone. While the rest of their colleagues had their hands on their knees, Toa Kohe-Love and Mark Forster scored at the end, but Vaikona's fourth try had already notched the Bulls'

After the case of Boyle's opening try, Henry Paul brought Vaikona on to the ball at pace and he brushed aside Hunte and released Forshaw to score under the posts. The third was very much a Paul production — the brothers enjoy an almost telepathic understanding — and Naylor ignored colleagues either side of him to cross. The siblings again combined for Vaikona's first try as half-time was greeted with a standing ovation. and the same trio delivered in.

identical style on resumption. Robbie Paul set up number seven as he careered forward from defence, Peacock took up the running and Withers applied another electrifying finish. Scott Wilson got Warrington off the mark to sympatheric applause after 52 minutes, but the concession of the try merely triggered another procession. Stuart Spruce poached a try from short range and Nick Zisti's long run set up Vaikona's third.

The Pauls have made a cover version of Ain't No Stopping Us Now. That awesome task now awaits Leeds.

BSC/REPS: Bradford Bulle: Triest Valo-ng 4, Boyds, Forstman, Huytz: R Park Wit-ers, Sonuce. Geale: H Paul 6 Warrington Wolves: Triest Wison, Kohe-Love, Forster Bradts: Erem* 2

present, Gregory was aware of

the crackdown and found no

in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup

since 1994, amassed 18 of their

first 20 points during the two

ten-minute spells in which

Hulme was removed from the

action at Wheldon Road on

Saturday, including a superb

individual try by Maloney that put paid to the Salford

challenge on the hour mark.

That they were in the tie for so

in the game at only 8-4 at half-

time. I told them that they

couldn't play as badly and that

but we did," he said. Gregory

offered no excuses, because

'I don't know how we were

long amazed Gregory.

Castleford Tigers, who are

fault with either decision.



Forshaw, of Bradford Bulls, sneaks through to score under the posts as Warrington Wolves struggle to cope

Whitehaven Warriors......

By David Lawrenson

MARTIN OFFIAH, who just a week ago became the lead-ing English try-scorer in the game's history, added another five touchdowns yesterday as the Broncos reached the Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-finals for the second successive year. Offiah, who missed most of last season with an ankle injury, is still not back to his best, according to the London coach, Dan Stains, but he was too hot for Whitehaven.

Remarkably, the Cumbrians actually took the lead two minutes into the game when David Fatialofa, the prop for-ward, exploited some weak defence to give Craig Chambers an unopposed run to the line. After being punished for a sluggish start, Broncos eventu-

Offiah piles on the agony for Whitehaven

ally got into gear and John Timu got the better of his opposite number, Matt Lynch, to score under the posts. In the second quarter, the Broncos began to make their superior power and pace tell with three tries. Greg Fleming got the first when he leapt high to col-lect a kick from Karl Hammond while Offiah chipped in with two, the second of which came after good handling from Grant Young, Steele

task with their half backs, Wayne Kitchin and Leroy Joe, working hard to try and get with the London dub 24-6 ahead at the interval the

writing was on the wall.
Final proof that it was not going to be Whitehaven's day came six minutes after the interval when their loose forward, Gary Charlton, tried to

his second. They were the best

answers to those visiting sup-

porters who barracked the former Salford wing through-

out. "I knew they were going to have a go at me, but I didn't

think it was going to be that

consolation score ten minutes

from the end. Salford had

never looked remotely like

Salford half backs, were at

sixes-and-sevens throughout

and only Faimalo showed the

necessary penetration among

the forwards as Castleford

When Fritz and Harland

gradually fed off their errors.

began to slow up in the second half, Tonks and Tallec provid-

ed the necessary impetus in

Crompton and Blakeley, the

crossing the Castleford line.

Until Broadbent grabbed a

bad," Rogers admitted.

and, when eventually over-hauled, passed to Timu who put Robbie Beazley over for the try. It then became one-way traffic with Offiah run-ning in a further three tries and Young and Shaun Edwards claiming one apiece. Stains admitted afterwards that his side still are not play-ing to their full potential but the semi-final draw against Castleford gives him a very real chance of taking them to

real chance of taking them to

Leeds grateful for Sinfield's tries

Widnes Vikings By MARTIN RICHARDS

is the most accomplished young player in the British game by dragging Leeds Rhinos clear of potential danger at Widnes yesterday and through to a titanic Silk Cut Challenge Cup semi-final meet-ing with the Bradford Bulls.

Sinfield, still only 18, entered the fray as a 51st-minute replacement for Marc Glanville after the Vikings had drawn level at 10-10 with a try from their winger, Damian Monro.

With the Widnes fans sensing an upset in a passionately-fought quarter-final. Sinfield proceeded to deflate their spirits with two tries in five minutes. George Mann, the former Leeds prop, had the ball shaken from his grasp in a tackle by

Martin Masella and Sinfield brushed past three defenders to touch down. His quick thinking brought a second try when he regathered his own kick to score under the posts and Leeds were safe.

They proceeded to cut loose in the final first hat-trick of tries as a professional and further touchdowns for Barrie McDermott, Marvin Golden and Leroy Rivett. Graham Murray, the Leeds coach, has

predicted a golden future for Sinfield, who is a Great Britain Academy international, and shows composure beyond his years. Murray was certainly grateful for Sinfield's intervention yesterday.

The last time the sides met in the Challenge Cup was in the semi-final six years ago when a Jonathan Davies-inspired Widnes overwhelmed Leeds 39-4. Widnes are now rebuilding their fortunes in the Northern Ford Premiership but they disguised the gulf in class with a totally

Mark Hewitt gave them the lead with a penalty after 13 minutes but Hay, one of the most improved players in the Rhinos line-up this season, scored from a pass by lestyn Harris and had a key role in the second try when his barnstorming run took him close to the line. He was held un. but Brad Godden was on hand to score.

Another Hubert penalty brought Widnes closer and when Munro spun out of a tackle to score four minutes into the second half, the Widnes faithful were dreaming of a giantkilling. Sinfield, and the superior pace of the Leeds wingers, soon restored normality.

SCORERS: Widnes Vildings: Try: Munro Goals: Newith (3) Leads Rhinos: Trites! Hay (3), Snifeld (2), Godden, McDernott, Rivett, Golden Goals: Hams (5), WIDNES VIKINGS: J Saledury J Briers, D Cross, D Myer. D Munro, P Mansson, M Hewitt, L Hensen, P Cartillon, G Mann, P Hams, L Saveta, J Cassoly Sobstitutes: F Devecta, T Red, J Hurter, S Argent

LEEDS RHINOS: I Harris, I. Ridett, M Golden, B Golden, F Cummers' D Powell, R Shenden D Fleaty, L Jackson, B Mc-Dermor, A Hay, T Newton, M Glanylla Substitutes: J Math-lou, M Masella, P Sterling, K Sintlad

Rogers makes Salford pay for indiscipline the second row. The pair combined for the final try scored by Davis, which was preceded by another mazy run

> by Orr to put Aaron Raper beneath the posts. Raper's brother, Stuart, the Castleford coach, caught the Wembley bug on the way to the last eight last year and "it turned into a disease," he said. The semi-final, in which they meet London Broncos, will test Tigers' immunity system.

I Igers' Immunity system.

SCORERS: Caeterord Tigers: Tries: Rogers (2), Maloney Raper, Davis Goele: Orr (5), Selford Reds: Try: Broadbart, Goele: Ballord Reds: Try: Broadbart, Goele: Ballord Reds: J. Floaters, R. Gay, M. Eager, F. Maloney, D. Rogers, D. Orr, B. Doves D. Sampson, A. Raper, N. Syless, D. Friz, I. Harland A. Woyles Substitutioner; J. Polestro, T. Torre, G. Taller, J. Wells, SALFORD REDS: G. Broadbart, J. Hayes, B. Thompson, S. Matte, P. Cargo, S. Blakeley, M. Crompton, N. Barrins, M. Aller, P. Southern, H. Smeh, D. Haime, G. Cassey, Substitutions: J. Farmalo, S. Svabre, P. Highton, C. Biogo.

Sale claim **Kingston** rules out from Wray Richmond exodus

BY MARK SOUSTER

AT THE end of the most trau-matic week in Richmond's life, Ashley Levett turned up at the Madejski Stadium for the first time since dropping his financial bombshell. Wisely he did not try to see the players, from whom he might not have received the warmest of recep-tions, and found himself dis-placed from his normal seat in the director's box. That was taken by Heath Sinclair, the New Zealand-born administrator charged with sorting out the mess created by Levett's sudden exit.

Sinclair would have been de-lighted with a record crowd of 10,096, providing receipts of more than £120,000, and the pervading sense of goodwill towards the club. All in all not a bad start, although a victory would have been nice.

In the circumstances, that was probably asking too much Sinclair has had to be ruthless in cutting jobs across the board but John Kingston, the director of rugby, is adamant that further savings will not come from a sale of whi hat tome itshi a sale of the prime assets, his players. And he believes he has the necessary assurances that this will not happen. "If they start selling players, I go," King-ston said.

There would be no point carrying on," Kingston contin-ued. "We will not sell players against their wishes if I am here. I am a stubborn git and also a man of my word. If somebody turned round and sold Craig Quinnell, how can you look Barry Williams in the eye and say there is something to stay here for?

The same goes for Ben Clarke, Allan Bateman, all of them. We will stick together. You don't win anything by sell-ing your best players." Having halved weekly run-

ning costs, the serious busi-ness of finding new investors begins in earnest. Mention has been made of approaches to John Madejski, the owner of Reading, but a trawl through Richmond's many affluent members would surely un-earth individuals willing and able to offer a lifeline by taking a stake in Richmond Vikings Ltd. the new investment company formed by the club. If Newcastle can find a sav-

iour with gates of barely 3,500, then Richmond, who can look crowds over the next few weeks, should be able to. Sinclair has budgeted for an average attendance of 7,000 for the remaining home matches, which include a cup semi-final and high-profile fixtures against Wasps, Harlequins and Northampton.

The off-field problems aside. Richmond's cause was not helped by the withdrawal on Saturday morning of Quinnell and Bateman. Kingston decided that Quinnell should serve his one-match ban for collecting three white cards sooner rather than later, while Bate-man has a calf injury. Although they matched Bath with two tries apiece. Richmond lost because they conceded too many penalties and failed to contest the restarts, where the athleticism of Borth-

wick and Lyle stood out. Mike Catt converted six penalties in front of Clive Woodward, the England coach, and his overall control surely means he will replace the injured Paul Grayson in the England team to face France.

England team to face France.

SCORENS Richmond: Tribes: Vander 62
mnn, Richmond: Tribes: Vander 62
mnn, Richmond: Tribes: Vander 62
mnn, Richmond: Vander 62
pensity goals: Vander 63
mnn, Vander 64
mnn, Vander 65
mnnn

incentive comments

By A CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS tempting fate and perhaps gave Sale just the incentive they needed. In openly side's legitimacy as a Premiership chub, Nigel Wray, the millionaire owner of Saracens, may well have pulled the rug from under his club's title

"It was a very disappointing result for us." Mark Evans, their coach, said. "We had felt we were still in with a chance if we could put a run of victories together but should Leicester win, then that's it." Forty minutes later the Tigers' victory at Fran-klins Gardens was confirmed.

That Saracens created sufficient chances to have taken both points was not even ques-tioned by John Mitchell, the Sale coach. "But we won be-cause we played the full 80. minutes with a lot of passion, And they had used the Wray comments, he said, "as fuel".

Where Sale won the contest, and fully deserved to, was in the midfield region — where Jos Baxendell and Chris Yates tore the Sazacens defence erson brothers were relentless in their tackling.

Sale have not enjoyed much luck this season but their strike rate, 61 tries in 21 league games, says much for their positive attitude. On Saturday their attacking enterprise was matched for once by a solid and watchful defence. For the first 20 minutes

Sale barely left their own half. and did well to restrict their opponents to 13-3, but a blistering 60-metre break by Baxen-dell earned the centre a try and a standing ovation and settled his colleagues so well that by half-time they led

Sale's second try, started and finished by Yates from a counter-attack near his own 22, stumped Saracens and led to a string of penalties from which Shane Howarth, who eventually kicked six goals and hit the posts with three other efforts, punished them still further. At half-time Saracens were forced to reflect on their own

missed opportunities, largely through over-elaboration, but the truth was that they never agant miss-moves that Baxendeil and Howarth used to create massive holes in midfield.

Adopting a tighter and more forceful frontal assault in the second period, Saracens had the better of things but could manage only one more try when the elusive Alain Penaud caught Sale asleep with a quickly-taken

tap penalty. Howarth and Rob Thiriby each added two more penalties and, at 27-24, Sale were hanging on by their fingerties as both Brendon Daniel and Ryan Constable were denied within reaching distance of the try-line.

Yet a sudden breakout by Sale's No 8, Dion O'Cuinneagain, in injury time, when Saracens lost control of a lineout, saw Yates batter his way out of four tackles before Howarth's pass put Simon Raiwalui in at the corner. It was Sale's first league win at home since December 12 and. should the drier weather conditions continue, Mitchell predicted there would be more.

20" This is the circumference of an international rugby ball. This is the circumference of an international rugby hooker's neck.

> Keith Wood is the Harlequins, Ireland and British Lions hooker. He can run the 100 metres in 12 seconds. His neck can support the weight of eight men. Which explains why it needs to be 21 inches in circumference.

Orr. the Castleford half back, holds off a Salford challenge

Castleford. well-organised,

were clearly the superior

team, once the gremlins were

removed in the opening period. Davis and Orr, the livewire half backs, the latter

collecting his third man-of-the-

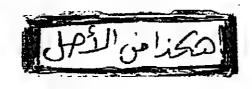
match prize in three rounds.

pulled Salford so badly out of

shape that it was embarrass-

ing. Davis created the opening try for Darren Rogers and

> B B C SPORT in sight. in sound in-depth.



ayson injury give boodward problem

'ajestic Je

gives Leic

ge in title

Neath too late to

Sec. 15

医压力性炎

Detailed Associated

美国工业主

25/2017

7 L

Ci ion (Night)

de state of

State No.

Park to the

^{a la}dina.

punish changes population (1971) Salah (Const.)

Allied Dunbar Premiership: Another visit to sin-bin a mere hiccup for England lock

Majestic Johnson gives Leicester edge in title drive

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

YOU cannot keep Martin Johnson out of the news these days. Nor can you lose sight of the referees, whose decisions can make or break not only matches but title hopes. Indeed Johnson, whose 29th birthday was last Tuesday, has been receiving cards from match officials for a month now, only there has been a singular ab-

sence of greetings in them. The England lock was, yet again, simply outstanding at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday. The Allied Dunbar Premiership is now within Leicester's grasp after they opened up an eight-point lead on their nearest challengers, Northampton, and Johnson's implacable attitude, his utter refusal to compromise any aspect of his game, will ensure they do not stumble during the sixmatch run-in to the title.

"He is probably the best for-ward England have got, if not the best in Europe," Dean Richards, the Leicester team manager, said. That is typical understatement: Johnson is up there with John Eales, of Australia, as one of the world's best tight forwards, a profile so high that inevitably he has further to fall than most.

He plays, as so many of the great forwards have always done, on the edge of the law and referees are acutely aware of it. Thus they have handed Johnson two yellow cards in internationals and two white cards in club matches over the last four Saturdays. One was subsequently quashed, anothby the official who awarded it and here, a foot placed on a surgery on his damaged knee

lay France in the Five

Nations Championship at

Twickenham on Saturday but

for a groin injury to Paul Gray-

son (David Hands writes).

That injury will oblige him to

make a difficult decision at fly

half: whether to restore Mike

Catt or move Jonathan Wilkin-

son from centre to what will

surely prove his long-term

Grayson, the Northampton

fly half, damaged his groin

against Ireland on March 6

but had recovered well enough

to be considered for his club's

game with Leicester last Satur-

day. However on a training

international position.

Northampton forward lying offside was enough to earn Johnson another ten minutes

It was the second of three white cards dispensed by Dav-id McHugh, the international referee, but it was his decision to award one penalty try and not to award another which swung the match Leicester's way - that and their refusal to concede an inch when their own indiscipline had reduced them to 13 men.

They are too good a team to need the sly nudges and checks that infuriate opponents and officials, yet they play with such heart, pride and passion that the second of their three tries - against Northampton's five penalty goals — came during the four minutes when they were short of Johnson and Pat Howard,

Results and tables

dispatched for killing the ball after a storming breakout by Ben Cohen.

When, rather than if, Leicester lift the Premiership they deserve to have the plaudits for what they have done as a team rather than condemnation for a few overt trespasses and players who wear their hearts on their sleeves.

Richards refuses to look further ahead than the next game, against Wasps. Yet the reaction of their players at the final whistle showed they feel a massive hurdle has been cleared.

They have played nearly all this season without two international centres, Will Greenwood and Stuart Potter, and for half the season will have been without two international half backs, Austin Healey

inflammation of the pubic

bone and has been told to rest

completely for a formight to

He may not play again for

six weeks which would mean

missing the Wales game, also

on April 11. "At least ('ve had

the chance to get back in and

nut down a marker lagainst

Ireland]" Grayson said, "but I

Given the confident manner

just keep on getting injured."

in which Wilkinson has settled

into his role at centre and the

aid recovery.

Catt at No 10.

and Joel Stransky, who has Grayson injury gives "Woodward problem

> are second - they don't make mistakes, they don't give points away.

points away."

SCORERS: Northamptore: Penalty grade: Devision 5 (Brin. 46, 54, 68, 69) Letoester: Triper Johner (24), Corry (66), paralty try (81) Conversione: Strapson (27), Penalty goed: Smoson (47) SCORING: SEQUENCE: Northempton first) 3-0, 3-5 (had-time), 6-6, 6-8, 9-8, 12-8, 12-15, 15-15, 15-22.

NORTHAMPTON: N Basil, C Mor., A Northey, M Alen, B Cohen, A Hepher, M Devision, M Voltand, F Mendac, M Siewart (sin-bin 7/man), R Metcatle, T Rodder, D Mackimon (rep. M Hynes, 78), A Pourtney, P Lam LeiCESTER: T Sampson, L Lloyd (rep. N Ezulite, 7-6), C Joner, J Stuart (rep. G Murphy, 42), O Lougheed, P Howard (sin-bin, 59-69), J Hamitton, D Jelley (rep. G Howntee, 63), R Cookerd (rep. D West, 76), D Gartorth, M Johnson Isn-bin, 65-75), F van Heerden, L Moody (rep. W Johnson, 59), N Back, M Corry Referee: O McHugh (treland).

CI Lelcester's run- lar March 27 v Waspa

fact that he is not playing fly ☐ Lelcester's run- br. March 27 v Waspş (h) Apri 3 v Bath (a), 17 v Suracers (h), 24 v Sate (a) May 2 v Newcastle (a), 15 v West Hartlecont (h) half for Newcastle. Woodward seems more likely to opt for

today and could be missing for a further six weeks. No surprise, therefore, that

on the soft surfaces of an English winter they should take route one to victory, through their hard-driving forwards of whom the controlled Martin Corry provides the perfect antidote to the fiersome edge of Johnson and the caperings of Richard Cockerill

Yet what if McHugh had chosen to award Northampton a penalty try midway through the second half, when Cohen's sinuous run found Budge Pountney in support before Jamie Hamilton pulled him down five metres short of the line? Howard unquestionably prevented quick release and when Matt Dawson gave him a poke for his pains, John-son and Cockerill descended upon the Northampton scrum half like avenging furies. That would have been 16-8

to Northampton, even though their set-pieces were slowly dismantled, notably the lineout where Fritz van Heerden gave Tim Rodber a miserable afternoon. Instead they had to be content with a penalty and, within seven minutes, fell to a sucker punch.

Howard had created the moment of the first half with a sumptuous pass which cut out three players and gave Leon Lloyd space on the right. Craig Joiner looped outside him and scudded out of Andy Northey's tackle to make the line. Corry's try was altogether more prosaic, a low, stabbed throw by Cockerill to the front of a lineout and a barrelling ten-metre charge through Dawson to

McHugh reserved his ire for the final five minutes. Matt Stewart threw a punch and left for the sin-bin, the Northampton pack weakened beyond repair. Forced into the corner, they were twice penalised on their own line and Leicester's scrum squeezed out the almost inevitable penalty try
that earned them victory.
Ian McGeechan, the Northampton director of rugby.

said: "Leicester showed why

they lead the division and we



Wasps maintain momentum

Tuigamala turns on

style to lift Newcastle

NEWCASTLE produced a Davies struck another penalty

polished performance to beat before the interval. In the sec-

London Irish...

By DAVID HANDS

TWENTY-FOUR hours earlier Dean Richards, the Leicester coach, had given warning that the strongest challenge facing his team in pursuit of the Allied Dunbar Premiership could come from Wasps. At a sunlit Loftus Road yesterday the North London club promptly bore him out, taking the whip hand over London Irish in the first half and then constructing a brick wall in defence that the Irish could only breach as the clock ran down. Success moved Wasps into

fifth place in the first-division table, and though their revival is too late to rattle the leaders, they should consolidate a qualifying place for Europe if English clubs return to that competition next season. Nigel Melville, the Wasps director of rugby, said: "If we are going to get into Europe, it used to be a top-four reward and we w base our efforts on that."

Whereas Wasps have run into a rich vein of form on the back of their progress to the semi-finals of the Tetley's Bitter Cup, the Irish balloon has deflated alarmingly. First they fell foul of the Leicester steamroller, then they were removed from the cup by Wasps and, in addition, they picked up another long-term injury yesterday in Niall Woods, their leading points scorer, who tore a hamstring and could well miss Ireland's summer tour to

That the Irish finished as

strongly as they did was immensely to their credit, but for 24 frustrating minutes they hammered away at the Wasps line and earned nothing. Per-haps they depended too much on Brendan Venter to organise a path to the line but the South African centre found, in Mark Denney, a worthy opponent whose tackling seldom faltered. It gave Wasps a sound

base and, within six minutes they had scored two tries. Peter Scrivener rolled over for the first of his two tries (he repeated the feat at the start of the second half) from a closerange lineout before precise work gave Paul Sampson a try the opposite corner.

Swansea 43-25, with Jim

Naylor and Va'aiga Tuigama-

la each running in two tries.

only when Newcastle took

their feet off the pedals in the

closing stages did the visitors

Making their first visit to

Kingston Park, Swansea

opened the scoring with a Lee

Davies penalty, but were soon

behind when a reverse pass

from Tuigamala sent in

Jimmy Cartmell, the Eng-

land Under-21 flanker, was

driven over from a lineout

and then Naylor shot through

for his second try, before

secure a few points.

It was 21-6 at half-time and

Lawrence Dailaglio set up the position with a storming run into midfield, leaving Alex King and Denney to complete preliminaries

Clive Woodward, the England coach, would have been heartened to see such consistency from young, Englandqualified players, though he could take pleasure, too, from the Irish response. Colin Hawke, the referee, awarded a free kick against Martyn Wood for a dummy behind a scrum: Woods and Conor O'Shea unpicked the retreating defence and made 30 metres before Nick Burrows

ond half, a disastrous pass

from Rhodri Jones, the scrum

half, was dropped over his

own line by Alex Lawson, the

full back, and Tony Underwood snapped up the gift. Tuigamala toyed with the

opposition for his two efforts.

and also sent in Stuart Legg

with some slight of hand. The

Newcastle full-back rounded

off his excellent performance

☐ Manchester and Henley

are assured of promotion to the second division of the

Allied Dunbar Premiership

after victories on Saturday at

Camberley and against

Wharfedale respectively.

with four conversions.

and the goalkicking of Kenny Logan. He ended with 18 points, taking him past 250 in his club season and making sure that Wasps could keep the Irish at arm's length. Wasps' commitment in de-

fence was underscored when, having weathered the storm in the second half, they went back downfield and Logan kicked his third penalty. Ten minutes remained when Venter found space on the shortside of a scrum and took the return pass from Woods as the wing pulled up limping. Venter and Jarrod Cunningham, the replacement for Woods, also paved the way for a longrange try by Justin Bishop, but

Yet the Irish, on as good a

day for running rugby as has

been seen this year, could not

hold on to their passes. "You

out yourself under pressure

when you make mistakes and

we made plenty," Dick Best,

The home side stretched

their lead through Mark

Weedon, their captain, from

another close-range lineout

their director of rugby, said.

CORERS: Wasper Triest Scrivener 2
[3mt. 42], Sampson (6), Weedon (26)
Conversiones Lopan 3 Penalty goels:
Logan 4 (31, 40, 47, 74), London Irlait:
Triest Burtows (20), Venter (71), Bishop
[81, Conversions; Woods, Curringham 2,
Penalty goels: Woods 2 (33, 47),
SCORING SEQUENCE (Weeps first): 7-0,
12-0, 12-7, 12-7, 22-7, 22-10, 25-10 (nailbries), 32-10, 32-13, 35-13, 35-20, 38-20,
38-27
WASPS: G Bass: P Sampson, F Waters, M.

it was too little too late.

pmer, 35-10, 32-13, 35-13, 35-20, 36-20, 38-27, 38-

Jobs threat brews up fightback from West

West Hartlepool 33 Gloucester...

By ALASDAIR REID

NOT a thing of beauty, but an afternoon of vibrant entertainment all the same. The West Hartlepool players had redun-dancy threats from Mike Brewer, their coach, ringing in their ears and played with raw tenacity as they fought to ensure their first division survival. They still have a mountain to climb, but on this showing it could yet be

achieved. Steve Vile, the West fty half, kicked seven goals from eight attempts, mocking Gloucester's 5-2 advantage on tries. Those statistics might suggest Gloucester were unlucky, but nothing should diminish praise for West Hartlepool's vigorous defiance.

Changing ends 18-22 down, West thundered into the Gloucester defence with some forceful running by their pack and edged ahead on the scoreboard with a couple of penalties and a dropped goal by Vile. Gloucester then seemed to have snatched the win when Ojomoh and Mapletoft scored tries shortly after the hour mark, but two more penalties by Vile saw West home in the closing minutes.

The home side matched Gloucester score-for-score for most of the first period, although woeful errors by their opponents allowed them to do so. Only their self-belief suggested they could triumph.

Their first try stemmed from a five-metre scrum. It was a beautifully executed score by Vile, who sped on to his scrum-halfs pass and danced through three attempted tackles.

A powerful score by Carter. the Gloucester flanker, restored parity, but another dreadful mistake allowed West to cross their line. Fanolua sliced a clearance kick towards Brewer, who slipped the scoring pass to Duane Monkley. After a penalty by Mapletoft, a superb 50-yard try by Beim, the left wing, put Gloucester 15-12 ahead.

A Gloucester penalty try just before the interval suggested their superior forward strength would be brought to bear after the turn. Instead. the crowd_saw a side fighting like dogs. The West players' livelihoods were on the line SCORERS: West Hartispool: Tries: Vie (10), Monido; (18) Commension: Vie Penalty goals: Vie 6 (33, 41, 42, 55, 67, 75) Dropped goal: Vie (38) Gloucester: Tries; Canes (12), Belm (25), penalty (40), Comen (61), Mapletoli (63) Conversion: Mapletoli Penalty goal: Mapletoli (71)

(21) SCORING SEQUENCE 7-0, 7-7, 12-7, 12-10, 12-15, 15-15, 15-15, 15-22, 18-22 (helibrie), 21-32, 24-22, 27-22, 27-27, 27-32, 30-32, 33-32

30-32, 33-32.
WEST HARTLEPOOL: E Farrell (rep: Thandley, 27mm, rep: G Mackier, 71ll., J Benson, M Mulfins, P Greaves, 8 John, 6 Vile, Y NufusiTits, 8 Sparts, S McDoneid, K Founce, P Famier, M Glacthen, J Pomon, D Monkley, M Brewer, GLDUCOSTER: C Cathing, B Johnson (rep: P Sant-Andre, 59mm), T Fanolus, S Mannis, T Benry M Magletoli, S Berron (rep: 1 Sanders, 59), T Woodman (rep: A Windo, 74), N McCarthy (rep: C Fontey, 74), A Deacon, R Fidler, D Sims, E Pearce (rep: A Hazell, 65), N Carrer, 3 Oyomoth Referee B Campsaf (Halfard)

Neath too late to punish changes

CLIVE WOODWARD would run 24 hours before the game

surely have announced tomor- he pulled up and "couldn't get

row an unchanged team to out of second gear". He has an

Ebbw Vale ...

By GERALD DAVIES

TWO points arose in this match which turned a fast but largely uninspiring game into an interesting one. The days when a team reduced to 14 men can still give a good account of themselves and offer a surprise or two have not gone, despite the law changes which nowadays weigh so much in favour of the dominant team. Mike Turner, Neath's lock, was sent off after 17 minutes for allegedly stamping on an opponent.

Secondly, the practice of making a picthora of substiloibtes towards the end of the match, which most teams get up to nowadays, was high-lighted to be both silly and incomprehensible. Ebbw Vale changed half of their pack for the final quarter during which they had gone from holding a 25-3 lead to finish hanging on by their fingernails.

The home team have quietly climbed to second position behind Llanelli at the top of the Welsh premier division. Pontypridd lie third, with a game

in hand on the leaders. Ebbw Vale might have been in a better position had they acquired the extra bonus point which was theirs by virtue of their lead 18 minutes from time. Instead, the visitors turned the tables and, in the final six minutes, scored three tries, all converted by Pearce, cen take the bonus point for inemselves. As the defeated

team, they earned it by scoring three tries and staying within ten points of the leaders.

Turner, the visitors managed. territorially, to get the better of the home side. By the interval. the teams were level with a penalty each from Strange and Pearce. Both teams nearly scored tries but their defences held on at crucial moments. But with Hawker's try con-

verted by Strange soon after

the interval, it seemed Neath's was Horgan's replacement.

scored the other try.

Scored the Other try.

SCORERS: Exter Vale: Tries: Hawker (45mm) Lievelly (66) Exoget (72). Conversions: Strange 2 Penatry goels: Strange 2 (12, 57) Neeth: Tries: Williams 2 (75, 79). Johnson (60) Conversions: Pearce 3 Penatry goel: Pearce (20) SCORING SEQUENCE: 3-0 3-3 (hall-lime), 10-3 13-3, 18-2, 25-3, 25-10, 25-7, 25-3, 28-80 VALE: S Tarmalsio, D Maniley J Hawker (rep G Williams: 70min), J Furnell, L Olsen, J Strange, D Levelyn | Thomasimp A Philips 52, L Philips into A Pearce (20) 6-30, A Melcalle: C Billen (rep L Banks, 63) K Fateria G Green, R Colmis, N Budgett (rep M Sciller 74)
NEATH: S Stoptons D Williams (rep R James, 68) D Tubs! T Dowes S Williams M Poace. P Horizon (ep R Johnson 52) L Gerand, M Daves D Perism (rep M Thomas, 78) M Jumer A Jackson, S Martin D Jones B Sindinson, nep G Newman, 70) Referee: O Deves (Llanbradach)

Even with the departure of

resistance was about to crack. This was confirmed by the penalty and the couple of tries that followed. Ebbw Valc felt comfortable, too comfortable. They made their irresponsible changes and everything fell apart. Their solidity in the scrum disappeared. Neath began winning the ball and spread the home team's defence. They were duly reward-ed when Shane Williams, the scrum half, scored two tries. He had moved positions when Horgan departed the field with an injury. Johnson, who

Scottish pay the penalty

London Scottish15 Bedford24 By Alan Pearey

HAS the worm finally turned for Bedford? The spectators who danced in the Stoop Memorial Ground aisles after victory on Saturday seemed to think so. Rudi Straeuli's beleaguered side, who last month relied on a missed penalty to beat Wasps, were trailing London Scottish with two minutes to go and seemingly set for their seventeeth defeat of the season.

Then came an unexpected turnaround in Bedford's fortunes. Jannie de Beer, the London Scottish fly half, kicked out on the full; the Bedford throw-in at the lineout was crooked but the Scottish pack lost the scrum against the head. Dan Harris broke

through in the midfield and, with Tony Yapp preparing for the dropped-goal attempt, Scottish went over the top at the maul. Penalty to Bedford.

Up stepped Yapp, the Bedford fly half, to kick the penalty from in front of the posts. "It was the most important kick of my life," he said. There was a bit of banter from the Scottish players but I put it from my mind." Rory Underwood, on as a replacement, finished the Exiles off with an interception try.
"We're still in the danger

zone but everyone's smiling at the moment," Straeuli, the Bedford coach, said. "The given up."

chances are we won't be out of the bottom two by the end of the season, but we haven't Despite squandering a succession of chances. Scottish

looked to have done enough

when Mick Watson scored

just past the hour. But Bedford hit back with a Yapp penalty and took full advantage of the luck that came their way. John Steele, Scottish's direc-

tor of rugby, was disappointed to see his team lose to Bedford for the second time this season. "We were poor. We didn't do the basics well and Bedford just waited for our mistakes." just Watted for Our mistakes."

SCORERS: London Scottish: Tries: Bonney (15mm), Watson (63) Conversion: De Beer Pentally goal: De Beer (67) Bed-fort: Tries: Forster (4) Underwood (80) Conversion: Vapp Pentally goals: Yapp 4 (85, 59, 71, 80)

SCORING SEQUENCE (London Scottish frat) 0-5. 5-5. 5-8 (trait-mis), 5-11, 12-11, 15-11, 15-17, 15-21

LONDON SCOTTISH: S Birns: K Miligan, J Bonney, R Davies (rep. D Lee, Bornni), C Sharman, J de Beer, G Easterby (rep. S Cook, 77), P Juhrstone, D Ruchers (rep. Cook, 77), P Juhrstone, D Ruchers (rep. T Davies, 63-64)

Watson, S Fern, S Holmes, R Hunter (rep. T Davies, 63-64)

BEDPORD: S Stewart, B Whetstone, A Murdoch (rep. R Underwood, 77), D Harrs (rep.

Jackson inspires Aldwinians

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

ALDWINIANS secured a place in the NPI Cup Final with as resolute a piece of defending as you are likely to find in the junior-club game at Audenshaw Park, near Manchester, on Saturday.

When Aldwinians beat Maidstone 42-0 in the quarter-finals, word was that the players from Kent had never suffered such fierce tackling

as they did that day, and with Michael Jackson, the former Wakefield playmaker, pegging Ilkeston back whenever he had the opportunity, chances were few and far between. Having won their own

quarter-final 42-15, with a marvellous display of 15-man handling, likeston were justifiably confident, but Jackson nipped back round the narrow side to open the scoring after a fiery start, and thereafter put together a mixture of ball release and tactical kicking that Ilkeston could not counter, despite an

his form there will be no surprise if yet another trophy finds it way to Manchester.

league status two levels high-

er, but if Jackson is on top of

endless supply of lineout possession from John Taylor. Aldwinians' opponents at Twickenham on April 17 will Dudley-Kingswinford, who beat Barnstaple 10-6 on Saturday, and will start as favourites purely because of a

SCORERS: Aldwinians: Tries: M. Jackson (3mn), R. Skeile (44). Penalty goal: Jackson (35). Rikeston: Try: K. Dove (61). Penalty goal: W. Bell (14). SCORING SEQUENCE (Aldwinians first): 5-0, 5-3, 8-3, (half-time) 13-3, 13-8

THE BAA-BAAS ARE BACK

playing for the Scottish Amicable Trophy



At Twickenham, Sunday May 23rd

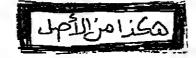
BARBARIANS WORLD XV v ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP ONE CHAMPIONS

atest Barbarian sides, beasting over 600 caps, confirmed players JOOST WAN DER WESTHUIZEN (SA), THOMAS CASTAIGNEDE (Fr), FRANK BUNCE (MZ), JAMES SMALL (SA), ZINZAN BROOKE (MZ), DODDIE WEIR (Seet), JOUBERT (SA), IBANEZ (Fr), PIENAAR (SA), ARBIZU (Arg.) and many more of the world's greatest players.

This festival of rugby also features: Comwall v Allied Dunbar Premiership Two Champions & Mini rugby Finals. Tickets available at £20 or £15 for adults, £7 for juniors

CALL THE 24HR CREDIT CARD HOTLINE ON 0171 344 4444 OR THE RFU TICKET OFFICE ON 0181 831 6666

Tune listo News Direct 97.3 FM



Hourigan issues timely reminder

There are those in racing who lean heavily upon privilege, breeding and fi-nancial comfort. And then there are those such as Michael Hourigan. If Dorans Pride wins the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday, the triumph will be one of poignancy and perseverance but, most of all, it will be that of a man who created his dream from the backyard of a pub. In more than one sense, it is a long way to the winner's enclosure at Cheltenham from the modest village inn south of Limerick where Hourigan started — and very nearly stopped — training. But he has made the journey once and he is irrepressibly convinced that Dorans Pride can take him there again. This is the fifth successive Festival for Dorans Pride. So far, the tally reads one win, two thirds and a fall,

The difference, this time, is that he has been usurped as the pride of Ireland. Florida Pearl carries the bulk of the punts and passion for the Gold Cup and Dorans Pride has been relatively overlooked. Which suits his trainer just fine.

"It's meant I haven't had fellows like you armoying me," he said as we settled in his kitchen. The rebuke, though, was offered with the twinkle of mischief that seldom leaves Hourigan's round and distinctly trish face. Incorrigible humour has been a valued companion since he went through his first six years as a trainer without a single winner.

"My parents ran a pub in Rathkeale and we had two stables out the back when I started in 1973. I used to have to duck in and out of the local fields with the horses because my father's land wasn't big enough to train on. I guess that's why it took me so long to get Hourigan: growing in confidence

Alan Lee finds the trainer of forgotten horse Dorans Pride in bullish mood

didn't come easy.

the battle life has been.

Cheltenham

going." He recalls with proud precision the day he broke his duck, 20 years ago this Wednesday, "March 17th, 1979, at ten past two. Ramrajya won at 20-1 and he went on to win me 14 races. The first winner came at Limerick and the course closes this week. I would love to

box thatch of Adare village. He has 80 boxes, all full, along with an all-weather gallop, schooling grounds, swimming pool and solarium. Everything a trainer could want. and none the worse for lacking the pristine manicure of showpiece yards in better known centres. To Hourigan, training is the shop window for his "real business" of buying and selling horses. He has the salesman's gift, too. "We had a television crew here the other day. By the time they'd gone, I'd sold the presenter a horse." He envisages no downturn in business through the current vogue for French-bred horses. "It's short-termism. A trainer can buy a winner off the Flat in France but he can't buy a horse to last. They'll come back here and appreciate us all the more."



Dorans Pride, nearside, will attempt to improve on two successive third places in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup on Thursday

Hourigan used to bet but claims he gave it up after laying out a horse for a gamble last year. "I was going to have two grand on him but went cold on it and had £200 instead. He got beat that day, then won his next four. It was a lesson. I don't even play cards now, since los-ing £3,500 in a night playing poker on this table," he added, slapping the offending surface resentfully.

He does admit to taking a drink, though, and will not be shy of a drop if Dorans Pride manages to

improve on his two successive Gold Cup thirds. Try as he might to play down the prospect, Hourigan's confidence rises with each sentence. "His preparation has rises with each been a little different this year. We haven't run him so often and he's been fresh since Christmas. He's never had a hiccup and he's only been forgotten because there is always a younger kid on the block.

"People like to pick flaws in him and he was written off by many before he won the Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown in December. Luckily, a lot of my friends still believed and have backed him at 50-1 to win that race and the Gold Cup. I tell you, there are no holes in Dorans

Pride. None at all." One sadness intrudes upon Hourigan's enthusiasm. Dorans Pride would have been ridden on Thursday by Shane Broderick, who won the Stayers' Hurdle on him three years ago and was third in the 1997 Gold Cup. But Broderick is partially paralysed since a fall at Fairyhouse two years ago, one of those incidents that unite the National Hunt world in grief and dread.
Paul Carberry will be aboard

this week and Hourigan is gathering his clan around him. "If it is to happen, I'd like my family around me," he said. Of his five children. three already work in the yard and one senses that the youngest. Mark, will be pressed into useful duty any day now. He will, after all, be five on Gold Cup day, the perfect cue for a double celebration.

3.30 UCKFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,215, 2m 1f) (7)

1 P662 TISSUE OF LES 7 (CD,G) J Akziurst 6-12-0 ...R Durwoody 1375.
2 1522 SURANDM 96 (F) Mrs D Haine 7-11-6 J F Tidey 98
3 1153 DOCTOR BRANDUS 14 (B,CD,S) J Poulion 6-11-2 J Marine 94
2014 # LLIMINATE 26 (S) D O'Rien 6-19-12 ... M Batchelor (6) 88
5 1360 Mr.L.T RYANCHSE 53 (2D,S) Mrs. L Junel 6-10-9 ... P Powel 6
6 APP. RUM BRANDUS 373P Mrs. Townsky 11-10-0 Mrs. Townsky (7) 7 3P48 SUMMER R.D.WER 6 (D,F,S) Mrs. Z Davison 9-10-0
D O'Stalken (7) 96

5-2 Maminate, 3-1 Tessue Of Lies, 4-1 Suranore, Doctor Bravious, 8-1 others

4.00 BOLNEY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,754; 2m 5f) (5)

5-4 Regal Aura, 7-4 Scayo, 5-1 Pull Of Bounce, Ne Matier, 16-1 Scobie Girl

4.30 CLAPPER HUNTERS CHASE (£1,138: 3m 1f) (5)

1 -FUT MY BEST MAN 16P (F.S.S) Mm T HBI 12-13-0 Mm T HBI (7) 59
2 (P-P DISNI DUBH SBP K Toh. 10-12-0 Mm T HBI (7) 53 645- PRODOCO 284 (F) D O'Bren 12-12-0 Mm N Febby (3) 27
4 1-FU SPRINGFARM RATH 9 (S) G Boud 8-12-0 Mm T (Stoney (3) 55 4-44 WESTERLANDS QUEEN 9 H Mannes 10-11-9 Mm G-Jones (4) 88

8-13 My Best Man, 3-1 Westerlands Casen, 11-2 Phocolo, 12-1 others.

(22,c53. 2011 vi (3) (3) R Dean 7-11-13 Mr N Fenily (7) 81 2 9332 AUGUST TWELFTH 28 (CD,6.5) D O'Brien 11-11-4 M Satzbalor (5) 61 3 2104 RGHTING TMES 13 (7.5) M/ss k Maris 7-11-2 V Statisty 63 4 6-51 BLAZE OF DAK 11 (5) P Endes 6-10-13 M/ss V Roberts (7) 5945 BOW SELLS 12 J Joseph 4-10-0 ... J Gofdstein (3) 77 9-4 Blaze Of Oak. 5-2 Fountain Bid, 11-4 August Twestin, 13-2 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

5.00 RAY GOLDSTEIN HANDICAP HURDLE

TAUNTON

ROB WRIGHT

2.10 Connaught Cracker (nap) 43.40 Twinnings Grove 4.10 Francesca's Folly 2.40 Flahive's First

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.40 OUT'N'ABOUT. Carl Evans: 4.40 Certain Angle.

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 12-0 8 West (7) 89

Racecard number Sx-figure form (F-fett up U-unseated nder. down \$-skpped up -disqualified Horse's name -course winner D-distance winner are speed reting

CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten isvourite in latest race). Going on which horse has eon (F-farm, good to firm, hard, G-good. S-dott, good to soit, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer Age and

2.10 WELLINGTON MONUMENT HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,775, 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

EETTAKS: 1-1 Controught Gradier, 11-1 Northern Saddler, 3-1 Jason's Boy, South West Express, 20-1 others.

1998 REYOND OUR REACH 10-10-7 J Hards (7-2) R Hodges 7 ran

FORM ANALYSIS Connaught Caracteristics with a fall, when briveling well, as the office of the control of the co

2.40 MELODY MAN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,775 2m 3f 110yd) (6 runners)

RETTING, 3-1 Out N'About, 7-2 Northern Drams, 4-1 Flahve's First, 9-2 kb Snaggle, 11-2 Neishgoot, 7-1 \$22-30 The Boal

FORM ANALYSIS

Northern Drums gol no buffer than the first on his chase debut has morth and is promptly returned to his chase debut has morth and is promptly returned to his dies. Though recording to work over the smaller obstacles less cascon, two many drawn Preterence have is for OUTW/ABOUT Paul Nicholds' change showed useful form in defeat this number of a couple of selects in Resource when sharps the air Cheprolow in Decomber, Palwer's first, winner of a coupled of selects in August, showed he is causale of figuring oil this sort of mark when under 10 tempts fourth to five funds at further last time. We sharped he is the same and the sharped he had been the same and the sharped he had been the same and the

3.10 ORCHARD RESTAURANT NOVICES CHASE (E4,577. 2m 3f) (4 numers)

SETTRAC, 4 5 Augustoffe, 7-4 Laresto, 6-1 Echelo Ul Caren, 33-1 Polo Nd.

1999, AVANTI EXPRESS 8 11-3 in Wilharmson (6-4) C Egentin 4 can

FORM ANALYSIS

ANDSUEPH 3 premissing names harden for Charle Brooks

Est descon has the case and scope for make a useful classer
and is funcied to prove too strong for Laredo. The selection

make the pelicer start to this chasing case in which prove too strong for Laredo. The selection

make the pelicer start to this chasing case in which prove too strong for Laredo. The selection

make the pelicer start to this chasing case in which prove to the three makes because a comment

of funcion to the inventional lared to start and proved the surface by Lord Of The Rows there, the is capa
in, or inventible for and is well worth this chance to prove as Laredo knoted set for a profitable cam
real with commentation or this observe bon at Sandown in November but has made things difficult for

the culture that the first case afficience becomes and the may that this next start coming in open.

Fisho's Of Down has her bed toos over tenoes when their Santier Count at Catterick fact time bed

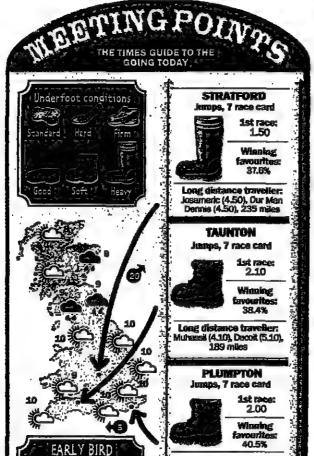
ten when I have private to find with the two principles here. 1998, AVANTI EXPRESS 8 11-3 K Walkarcon (6-4) C Egerton 4 (an

3.40 SANNACOTT MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,453. 2m 3t 110yd) (10 runners)

SETTING 5 4 Rand 3-1 Lemphron Cod 11-2 Cago Alex Folks, 10 1 Baltaving, 12-1 Ga Germason, 18-1 others 1998 FITZMANRICE 6-11 5 S McVeyli (5-4 Lav) C Brooks 11 can

FORM ANALYSIS RAID foots the most interesting of Prese and can evercome a SIG-day absence from the rearecourse in the interim he has goined Paul Nicholds from kich hourside Michael Grassick, but it is, the form he showed for the later in winnings it - -mile matcher on the last of bour Flat orange that match han down as the one to boal today. Longstone Lad filling to Flagship Therese it is a single state of the state o

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Stratford: 3.20 Edmond Taumton: 4.10 Francesca's Folly 4 40 Nalogre



4.10 MARCH SELLING HURDLE (£1,481: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

Best value this marning

Suny Bay

(Gold Cup)

| 501 61P-04 JUSTER WOODSTICK 88 (F) (D.S. C Chaptern) | Spearing 6-11-9 ... R Thornton 60 502 FSD-31 TRUE VISION 6 (D.S.) (R Heidlich) M Pipe 5-11-4 ... A P McCoy 63 503 0-4400 MAIASSE 24 (R Walpole) K Margan 6-11-2 ... A P McCoy 63 504 005 WICKED GAME 6 (Miss 2, Lones) B Liverelly 0 5-11-2 ... Michael Browns 6-505 500053 ALLEGANICE 46 (V.D.G.) (P Weigmann) P Weigmenn 4-11-1 ... D McInteres 5-10-11 ... Miss V Stephens BETTING: 8-13 True Victors, 4-1 Allegiance, 13-2 Markessil, 8-1 Microe Wigodistick, 25-1 others. 1998: MERAWANG 5-11-2 T J Marphy (7-4 br) P Nocholls 9 cas

See racecards for detailed going

Long distance traveller: Gulible Guy (2.00), Kingdom Of Shades (2.30) & Whirlawhile

(3.00), 182 miles

TV: None of today's meetings

TRUE VISION stands out as the one to best but is by no means a good thing and efforts to build a Cheflesham belting bank should be concentrated elsewhere. The selection pulled too her own good when third in a claimer tax fromth and though settling better when writing as elling handicap at Exets last Tuesday, she had her tax's simplified when two challenging rivats departed free out. Allegiance won a poor seler in August but has failed to repeat the form subsequently and gargied when third to Fayez had time. Means Woodstick reportedly returned tame on his reappearance and enters calculations on his subsequent fourth to Park Royal at Lingdield.

4.40 SOMERSET HUNTERS CHASE (£2,038: 3m) (8 runners)

SETTENS C-1 Certain Angle, 9-2 Just Ben, Cypsy Luck, 13-2 Hillhead, Kathorie, 10-1 Muntalt, 12-1 others 1998, NING TORIUS 8-12-12 M. J. Jules (1-2 tay) V Dertail 5 rain JUST BEN put behind him a poor that debreien the flags with a much better effort to occupy the same placing, beaten under box lengths by Apple John, in a hunter chaze over track and trip earlier the month. A lour-times winner in pour 16-pounts, he may now open his account under Roles. Certain Angle, formerly a fair handicap chaser with Phulip Hobbs, showed that he retains a reasonable measure of ability when warving a ladies open for locky's rider at North Comwall in February.

5.10 WIDCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE ISHOWCASE RACE AND TOTE TRIFECTA RACE] (£2,661: 2m 1f) (9 numers)

1998: DRAGON KING 6-10-12 B Ferton (7-1) C Barredi 13 ran

The ex-John Gosden-trained Laffah appeared to be set plenty to do when finishing in and-division at Humbingdon on his handleap bow but is looking expensive at the 23,000gris paid frown, he produced a strong finish to overhaul Curriculus at Massathungh last time. With Hader, who stayed on strongly to beat writigeha at Camerick, is similarly unexposed, while Mir Letol fooked as if the race would no harn good when tourth to Misconduct at Folkestone on his debut for Amanda Perren.

COURSE SPECIALISTS % 22.7 20.0 19.4 13.0 TRAINERS 204 R Winiger J Tizzard A McCoy G Bradley 5 Zi 3 15 27 139 3 Zi

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park

Gologs soft
150 (2m 4f 110)d ch) 1, Galle Tol (Major O
Etwood, 13-8 lay); 2, Nürces (15-8); 3,
Desart Calm (16-11, 7 man NR, Extra Stout,
27, 31, Major C Elicot, Toter 12-90, 01-80,
01 80 DF: 82-90, CSF 64-52,
229 (2m 110)d holle); 1, Province Alleior O
Etwood, 8-4 lay), 2, Studio Torty (7-1), 3, Rat
Top (13-2), 8 man, NRP Burgele Jumper 134,
6 C Marin Toter 12-90; 51-30, 61-80, 02-50
DF: 87-80 CSF 61-81, 8 Totast 67-91, 11,
2-53 (2m ch); 1, Mattive Charm (J. A. McCaminy, 6-ways 12-y), 2, Balled Mintarie (13-8); 3,
Callon Best (13-2); 4 man, 12, 7; C Microck,
Toter: 82-90, DF: 61-70, CSF: 62-82,
3-30 (2m 4f 110)d holle); 1, Lernibernieboud-3.30 (2m 41 110yd holie) 1, Lorribernieboud-fant (P Hola, 8-1); 2, Storm Of Gold (18-1), 3, Court Camponi (5-1), Back On The Lash 4-1 fav. 11 fart. NF Guilder, 14, 71, J. Giford, Tole: ER 49, 21.80, E3.50, E2.10 DF 1657-90 CSF: E116.12, Tricest: E844.52 4.05 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Regency Reke (A Magure, 7-1); 2, Coutherd (7-1), 3, Dr. Jaz (2-1 fav), 9 ren. NR: Road Racer, Sr Talbol, Time For Action, Sh hd, 1 4, A Moore, Totel

T. 1.00. CSP C5:24. Tricast E123.18.
4.40 C3m 110yd ct) 1, Nathre Physer (P. Hdo, 9-2); 2, Sharp Commend (11-2), 3, Mountain Path (0-4 lav), 8 ran. Hd, 161. R Pows. Totac E5:30; £1.90, £1.90, £1.30. DF-C18.10. CSF: E27.75. Tricast £53.85 E18 (2m 110 of 8a) 1, Dusk Dusel (M A Fi-agerald, 4-5 fav), 2, Rosco (14-1), 3, King Wizard (9-1), 16 ran. NR Finer Gold, Specs 34, 51, N Henderson, Tote, 62, 10, 61.30, 62-70, 63.20, DP; £10.60, CSF; £14-60.

Jackpot: £12,209.10.
Piscepot: £24.60 Quadpot: £17.40

Ayr 1.45 1, Major Ballaby (2-1)-lav); 2, Sim Pri-or (100-1), 3, Happy Days (\$3-1), Cinder Hits 2-1 (-law, 6 ran. His 2-1 (Hav. 6 ran. 2.15 1, Milke Stam (B-11 fav); 2. Cross The Rubicon (20-1); 3, Adventurus (11-1), 7 ran. NR Inver Rad, Strong Mission. 2.45 1, Valigan (5-2 lav); 2, Thanks Keth (11-4), 3, Potar King (4-1), 6 ran. 3.20 1, Bright Destiny (5-2); 2, Beter Times Ahead (7-4), Major Bel 6-4 lav 3 ran. 2.55 1, Consent Sect. (11-4), 3 Factor (11-4), All Enchants 3.55 1, Gospel Song (11-2), 2, Exalted (13-2); 3, Exacutive Design (8-1) Marry's Feelings 3-1 law 8 ran.

4.50 1, Pie De Casson (5-1); 2, Bangabun-ny (3-1 lag); 3, Montrave (4-1), 6 ran, NPt Cla-dy Boy, Conston Joker. 5.05 1, Groose Half (9-2), 2, Lord Sandro-vich (6-4 fee), 3, Just Tom (7-2) 5 ran. NR:

Chepstow

Goling: soft, heavy in places 1.00 1, Just Mip (9-4 lav); 2, Cotistown Boy (11-2), 3, Dangarous Guest (6-1), 7 ard 1.30 1, Ottowa (11-2); 2, See Snough (7-1), 3, Sail By The Starc (8-11 lav), 5 rgn, NR: Bel-mont Kine. moni King. 2.00 1, Beeckanel (5-4 jt-lavl; 2, Davoski 15-4 jt-lav), 3, Lawehik (6-1), 4 ran. NFI. Alho-saam

2.36 1, in The Blood (6-4 ke), 2, Blue Charm (4-1), 3, Storm Damage (3-1) 5 ran. 3.05 1, Garolisa (4-11 ke), 2, Clara Cane (16-1); 3, Gone Ballistic (12-1), 9 ran. 3.40 1, Irber (6-13 fav). 2, Native Fling (7-2); 3, Romancer (9-2) 5 ran.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard 1.40 1. Statisficien (13-2), 2. Garnock Val-ley (9-2 tan), 3. Use Project (9-1) 12 ran. 2.10 1. Gav3t Lvs Project (6-1) 12 ran. Forty Forta (6-1) 10 ran. 2.40 1, Pipe Song (14-1): 2. Ocker (5-1): 3. Night Flight (25-1): Magic Flambow 5-2 fav 13 ran. 3.15 1, Yakaraeza (14-1); 2, West-A-Minute (11-10 fav); 3, China Castle (7-2) 7 ran. (11-10 tab); 3, Crinia Cassis (1-2) / Earl. 3.50 1, Michabari (8-2), 2, Kass Ahaws (5-1); 3, Step On Degas (16-1) Approacha-ble 3-1 fav. 12 ran. 4.25 1, Ceptain Scott (15-2), 2, Welville (15-2), 3, Nomore Mr Niceguy (5-1 lav), 13 5.00 1, Aurondale Girl (evens fav.), 2, Keen Hands (10-1), 3, Legal Venture (12-1) 13 5.30 1, Feer Cry (9-4), 2, Sudest (11-2), 3, Dargo (5-4 fav) 8 ran.

JUMPS LEADERS

TRAINERS M Pipe Mas M Reveley P Nacholls P Hobbs N Handarson D Nacholson **JOCKEYS** A P McCoy R Johnson M A Atzgeski N Williamson R Danwoody A Maguire T J Morphy

PUMPION

2.00 Johnston's Art. 2.30 Kingdom Of Shades. 3.00 Whirlawhile, 3.30 Tissue Of Lies, 4.00 Regal Aura. 4.30 Westerlands Queen. 5.00 Fountain Bid.

Carl Evans: 4.30 Westerlands Queen.

COING: SOFT, HEAVY IN PLACES

2.00 wivelsfield 'national hunt' novices

HURDLE (£2,285: 2m 4f) (8 runners) 1 3PD HOLBORN HULL 37 (S) C Morm 7-11-5 ... J Magon 2 31-P GULLIBLE GUY 18 (F) Macs V Wildams 7-10-12 S Kely (S) 3 U AINT MESBHANNI 14 Mass Z Davson 7-10-12 Lessa Long 4 -133 JOHNSTON'S 817 26 (BE-S) R Buckler 6-10-12 ... B Powed 5 PAP-JUST A BEAU 14 Miss I Fouston 7-10-12 W Marsann 7 NAP-TIME REWINN TOLFAMA 28 R Almer 6-10-7 ... A Thombon 8 5543 PEASEDOMN-TUFAMA 28 R Almer 6-10-7 ... A Thombon

7-4 Holbom Hill, 2-1 Johnston's Art, 3-1 Guilble Guy, 7-1 Pezaedown Tola-na, 16-1 J Ain't Misbehavin, 20-1 Just A Beau, 25-1 others.

(E2,770: 2m 5f) (4) 1 3-P1 DEEP RETRAIN 103 (G.S.) R Philips 9-11-10 ... A Thornton 84 2 3122 KINGDOM OF SHADES 47 (S) Mics V Williams 9-11-10 R Dunwundy (127) 3 5453 JONER JACK 24 (F.S.) R Dean 14-11-3 Mr M Feiby (7) 64 4 P242 KELLY MAG 27 (F.S.S.) 0 0 Brien 9-11-3 W Marsson 118 8-13 Kooptom Of Shades, 2-1 Kelly Mao, 8-1 Deep Retrain, 50-1 John Jack.

3.00 WEATHERBYS IT SERVICES NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250: 2m 10 (5)

1-19 Whitewhite, 14-1 Heningsby, 18-1 Castle Hill, 20-1 in Good Onter, 25-1 Moon River.

STRATFORD

1.50 Caldamus, 2.20 Jocks Cross, 2.50 Rusk, 3.20 Monicasman, 3.50 The Brewmaster, 4.20

1.50 start festival week at stratford

MOVICES HURDLE (£3,961: 2m 6t 110yd) (9 runners)

1 - 351 CALDAMAS 27 GB Mrs. M Rones 7-11-8 _ ... Mr R Fontstal (5) 2 OUPB ASDE THE SEA 14 R Dictor 7-11-2 _ ... X Alspuru (3) 3 2044 BALLYMARRAGGET 21 N Twoclop-Darks 6-11-2 _ C Liverstyn 4 340 BROTHER HERD 11 A HODE 7-11-2 _ ... Gay Lewis (3) 5 6000 EVERSEEL (S) D Wente 7-11-2 _ ... R Bellamy 7 6-00 YER TUMBLE 20 J K Ocesswell 8-11-2 _ ... G Tormey 7 6-00 YER TUMBLE 20 J K Ocesswell 8-11-2 _ ... R Farrant 8 6020 ALMERIAM 13 (V) Mrs. N Macanity 5-10-11 _ ... E Hustant 9 0353 HYDEMILLA 8 Mrs. T Plangton 9-10-11 _ ... N Matholism (7)

8-4 Ceidannus, 7-2 Alimeniam, 4-1 Bathynebragget, 11-2 Lettyfat, 12-1 Hydenska, 16-1 Aside The Sea, 25-1 Eventuel, Yer implie, Brother Noro.

2.20 RACECOURSE VIDEO SERVICES NOVICES

1 -211 JOCKS CROSS 21 (D.F.G.S) Miss V Williams 8-11-12

2.50 FOXHUNTER AT SNITTERFIELD SELLING

1-14 Jacks Cross, 8-1 Cherry Orchid, 33-1 Ages Display.

2 - LPP ANNS DISPLAY 22P (S) Mrs A Johnson 8-11-2 and P Kerrange 3 3PP- CHERRY ORCHO 23h J R Hughes 12-11-2

4 040 BIG BANG 141 Miss C Cone 5-11-2 C Vesto 55 DDPU BT OF KUNANT 2 G NECONT 6-13-2 H Ollver (5) 6 5405 FARR FRIGHSH 72 W Cay 5-11-2 G Torney 7 C3 STANFORD HILL 9 M Fps 4-10-7 R Jubinson 8 3323 BESHARDA TRIANGIE 28 M Hannes 4-10-2 M Comally (7) MARIETIEE KAITE SAF J Green 4-10-2 Gary Lyons

11-4 Bernouda Triangle, 3-1 Starwford HB, 7-2 Rusik, 4-1 Sherbadarid, 11-2 Batmoral Princess, 33-1 Big Barrg, 8tt Of Kowati, Fair Finnish, Karatrae Kane.

Tombola, 4.50 Liniyan,

CHASE (£4,524: 2m 4f) (3)

HURDLE (£2,843: 2m 3f) (9)

GOING: HEAVY

Carl Evans: 4.20 Tombola.

SIS

TRANERS: Nics V Wittans, 5 winnes from 15 runners, 33,3%, C Mann, 5 from 24, 20,8%, R Buckler, 6 from 29, 20,7%, R Hodges, 10 from 51, 19,6%, R Alber, 9 from 60, 15,0%; Mrs 0 Hains, 3 from 21, 14,3%, JOCKEYS: J Titley, 6 stress from 14 ndes, 42,9%, R Durvody, 7 from 37, 18,9%, 0 J'Staffeer, 14 from 71, 15,5%; W Marshot, 6 from 54, 14,8%, M Batchelor, 9 from 62, 14,5%, B Powell, 9 from 64, 14,1%.

(£2,233: 2m 4f) (5)

3.20 TOTE CHASE (£6,947: 3m) (4)

3.50 RACING CHANNEL THIRD DEGREE HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,930: 2m 110yd) (3)

1 2532 WESLEY'S LAD 24 (S) D Brothell 5-11-10 ____ D J Burchell 2 1310 THE BREHMASTER 19 (D.S) WRIGHT 7-10-12 _ G Tomrey 3 1331 MARIGLAND 30 (D.G.S) K Morgan 6-10-9 ___ A S Smith 11-10 Mangfano, 2-1 The Brewmaster, 11-4 Wesley's Lad.

4.20 CREDIT CALL HUNTERS CHASE (£2,372; 3m) (15) 5-4 Tombots, 11-4 Tomcappagh, 4-1 King Of Clare, 8-1 others.

4.50 RACING CHANNEL ENGLAND/IRELAND MAIDEN OPEN NH FLAT (£2,306 2m 110yd) (8)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

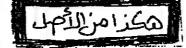
TRADIERS: D Micholson, 15 winners from 48 numbers, 31.3%, Mass V Wil-hands, 5 from 18, 27.6%, M Pipe, 23 from 111, 26.1%, A Hobbis, 3 from 12, 25.0%, N Twiston-Dames, 5 from 42, 14.3%. Only qualifiers. JOCKEVS: R Johnson: 23 womers from 118 rules, 19 5%; R Fattant, 7 trans 39, 17.9%; C Maude, 7 from 40, 17.5%, N Williamson, 12 from 75, 16.0%, G Tornary, 3 from 27, 11 1%. Only quadriers

RACELINE STRATFORD 101 201 TAUNTON 102 202 PLUMPTON 103 203 G'HOUNDS 122 222 FULL RESULTS SERVICE 168 REALISE YOUR DREAM OF OWNING A RACEHORSE

The Official British Horseracing Board 2 day seminar "The Thrill of Racehorse Ownership" is essential if you wish to become a successful owner. You get an impartial, informed view of racehorse ownership. Become an owner within a year, and the fee is refunded.

Reply now: very limited numbers. RING 01753 897211 FOR A FREE COLOUR BROCHURE.

GO TO A LEADING TRAINER'S YARD VISIT A STUD FARM INCLUDES A FREE



RACING: HENDERSON MAY USE BLINKERS TO SHARPEN FRENCH IMPORT

Makounji gets Arkle go-ahead

By Chris McGrath

MAN

IN BLESSING the Conwolds with a charming spring day of birdsong and sunshine, the gods yesterday offered their favours with a sense of equity that punters would appreciate once the Cheltenham Festival gets underway tomorrow.

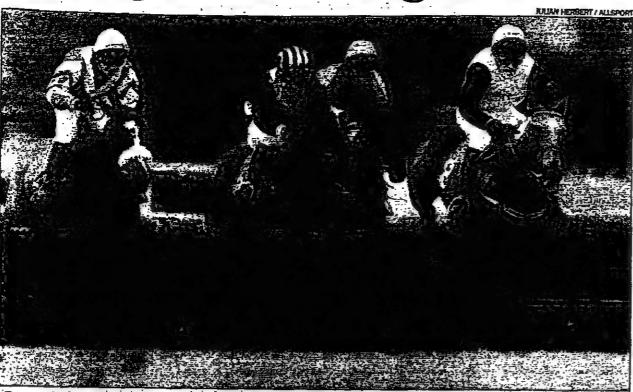
For the rain-softened ground, potentially such an influential factor, now seems likely to dry out sufficiently to establish a fairly level playing field on that taxing climb to

the post.
Nicky Henderson walked cided that the going will nonetheless be soft enough tomorrow for Makounji to drop back to two miles for the Guinness Arkle Trophy. Her alternative was the Cathcart Chase, over an additional five furlangs on Thursday.
At the same time, the trainer

is insuring against her being outpaced in the frantic early stages. There is a distinct pos-sibility she will wear blink-ers," he said. "My worry going for the shorter race was that they might just get her at it ear-ly on. When she ran against Potentate and Kurakka at Newbury, in particular, she looked a bit lost over the first two or three fences. I hope blinkers might make her a bit sharper."

Makounji already has an edge in weight allowances for hoth age and gender, but Henderson, who has schooled the French import in blinkers, might just have hit upon the sort of flourish that has already raised the game of no less than 18 Festival winners.

Only one of those successes,



Regency Rake, left, ridden by Maguire, pursue Coulthard, right, on the way to winning the Imperial Cup at Sandown

Barna Boy in the 1997 County Hurdle, has been gained since 1993, but Henderson has been in resurgent form all season. Three more winners on Saturday took his score to 59, and his Festival team embraces not only the high profile of Mak-ouriji and Katarino, favourite for the Elite Racing Club Triumph Hurdle, but comparable strength in depth in the handicaps, notably with the Queen Mother's Easter Ross in the Coral Cup.

"It's a nerve-wracking time, all right," he said. "But they've

all finished their work now, the last ones this morning, and let's hope for a great week. The course is in first-class condition. There's a lot of moisture underneath and it will ride pretty dead on the first day, but four dry days must make it nearly good ground." Likewise emboldened by his

form for the Festival is Adrian Magnire. Cheltenham has been the focus of atrocious misfortune for the jockey in recent

Regency Rake, trained by

RICHARD EVANS: Nap: Suranom (3.30 Plumpton)

lands Imperial Cup at San-

down. Maguire's pugnacious

prevail despite losing his right

iron after the last.

seasons, but on Saturday he Arthur Moore, will doubtless be treated as a positive augur not only for Maguire but also offered timely confirmation of his renewed zest, hauling Regency Rake home by a for the Irish in general. nostril in a thrilling Sunder

In other Festival news yesterday it emerged that Direct Route will be given the chance to erase the memory of a poor run at Ascot last month in

style, loose of rein and compact of body, is a miracle of balance at the best of times, but here he even managed to

Wednesday's Queen Mother Champion Chase, Howard Johnson's stable star broke a blood vessel when finishing fourth to Teeton Mill in the Mitsubishi Shogun Chase. "He's coming back to himself a bit now," the trainer said.

SNOOKER

China king Higgins remains world No 1

FROM PHIL YATES IN SHANGHAI

JOHN HIGGINS celebrated the 15th tournament success of his career in Shanghai last night in the inaugural China International.

Higgins won the final 9-3 against Billy Snaddon, the world No 32, who handed Stephen Hendry a surprising 6-2 defeat in the semi-finals. The combination of those two results guarantees that Hig-gins retains the world No I

"It's great news," Higgins said. "I wouldn't have fancied losing top spot anyway, with the lead I've got, but now I can travel down to the British Open next month with one less thing to worry about."

It was not a classic final. Snaddon, running on empty after the most productive but also most draining week of his career, made too many unforced errors to place Hig-

gins under any real pressure.
He trailed 6-2 after the first session and, although the opening two frames of the closing session were shared, Higgins swiftly made breaks of 124 and 42 to secure his first title victory in Asia.

Higgins collected £42,000 to take his tournament earnings for the season to £399,925. Snaddon secured a sum of £21,000, almost double his highest purse from a single event since he turned profes-

EQUESTRIANISM

Beerbaum takes short cut to memorable win

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN PARIS

LUDGER BEERBAUM, of Germany, the European showjumping champion, gave the packed Palais d'Onmisports a thrilling display of jumping here yesterday when he and Priamos, the horse on which he gained a team gold medal at the world championships last year, won the World Cup qualifier by 3.67sec.

Beerbaum, the 1992 Olympic champion, took an improb-able looking short cut to fence four, which brought him home comfortably ahead of Willi Melliger, of Switzerland, on Calvaro. Xavier Caumont, of France, gave the home crowd a measure of consolation when he took third place on Baladine du Mesnil, his 1997 Seville winner.

John Whitaker, the only Briton to reach the 11-horse jumpoff, incurred four faults at the second fence on Virtual Village Heyman, who was having his first important competition of the year, and finished in eighth place. But the performance has lifted Whitaker to fifth in the rankings for the European League of the World Cup and secured his place in the final in Gothen-

burg next month. "Heyman's a little rusty after the winter but I'm very pleased with him and we've done what we set out to do." Whitaker said. He has now qualified for every final since the event began in 1979.

Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, who opted to ride Virtual Village Ashley yester-day after Hilton succumbed to an inexplicable loss of form, failed to reach the jump-off after a mistake in the opening round. Coming in too close to the first part of the double at fence five, an oxer, he paid the penalty with four faults. But he is still in sixth place in the rankings after his third places

at Millstreet and Olympia. Geoff Billington was the most frustrated of the three Britons. He walked around Serge Houtmann's big. 13-fence course before deciding that it was well suited to It's Otto and duly produced a clear round - only to find he had incurred half a time fault for exceeding the 74 seconds

allowed over the course. The jump-off course, which included a flat-out gallop across the arena to the last of the six fences, had been a tame affair until Beerbaum entered the arena. But the German's daring short cut, which was accompanied by roars of approval from the crowd, set a new standard for the five who followed. Rodrigo Pessoa, of Brazil, the world champion and holder of the World Cup, Gandini Baloubet du Rouet and looked to have the event there for the taking after a lightning fast round - until he just clipped the last fence.

Jones advertises her talents with four-timer

PIP JONES, Britain's champion wiman rider, put a firm grasp on this year's title on Saturday when partnering four winners at the Brecon & Taly-

bout fixture. Fearless and blessed with confidence to match at present, Jones is in demand in this sport, but has strangely been overlooked for rides at this week's Cheltenham Festival.

day, while driving to the Carmarthen reported herself "sore but okay". shire meeting for another five rides. Her successes took her score for this

"Perhaps if I'd managed a six-timer the phone would have rung."

Jones won the hunt race on Kerry Soldier Blue (1-5), the confined on Veryvel (4-5), the ladies' open on Warren Boy (4-7) and a division of the maiden on Lady Buckland (11-10). Her last ride of the day, in the twelth race, ended in Nobody wants me," she said yester- 'a fall from Glenville Breeze, but Jones

season to 12, and her career total be-

tween the flags to 160. Alison Dare added to her total (267 career wins) when Split Second (4-6) just beat All Weather at the Avon Vale. Also at this meeting, Mark Rimell warmed up for his ride on Varykinov in Thursday's Foxhunter Chase when partnering Ginny Eliott's Gildrom (45) into second place in the 19-runner

Kendellan-ridden Royal Surprise, started at 20-1 with the bookies, but paid £103 on the tote. "It was his day." said Lambourn trainer John Porter of his 12-year-old, who was doubling his winning score. "He's been placed in

good races in the past." Clive Storey rode a double at the Cumberland Farmers' meeting on Blyth Brook (7-2) and Tinafoil (7-4), but had to be coment with third in the men's open on favourite Faster Ron as Pablowmore (4-1) took first spot.

Hirondelles go clear of rivals

AN excellent display of shooting by the England interna-tional, Lyn Carpenter, and the England Under-19 player. Louise Moore, helped Hirondelles move clear at the top of the English National Clubs' League table when they beat Tongham 55-43 yesterday (Cathy Harris writes).

After New Cambell suffered a surprise 53-48 defeat against Wyvern, the Surrey club

MAKE THREE SELECTIONS FROM EACH OF THE FOUR GROUPS BELOW

The column of figures after the names below, shows the Fantasy Formula One race scores for the Australian Grand Prix

138 19 R Barrich

124 21 P de la Rosa

46 22 L Badour

35 20.P Diniz

DRIVERS

+44 870 901 4206 from the Irish Republic 7640 2016 001 600 pt

13 HH Frentze

E4A WUZ

45 T Takan

16 R Zonta

NETBALL ...

moved clear of champions Linden whose game against Oakwood was postponed because an umpire was unavailable.

Solid in defence, Hirondelles turned in a fine team performance to sustain their title push. But for New Camhell, who are missing Pat Suth-

erland through pregnancy and Wendy Hale with an Achilles' heel injury, their prospects appear bleak.

Linden player-coach Colette Thomson said the postponement of her team's fixture was "a blessing in disguise" as players Lisa Driver, Lisa Topliss. Sarah Olden and Olivia Murphy were all missing. She said it would probably be rear-

YEATKIM

FORMULA

THE SE TIMES

CONSTRUCTORS

13

25 Williams

. 26 Jorden

27 Benetter

20 BAR

31 Stewart

32 Prost.

AN EXCLUSIVE COMPETITION

TINITION (INTO) Plus £15,000 in cash prizes and Grand Prix trips for runners-up with Eddie Irvine leading the drivers on 153 points and Arrows heading the winner of our fantasy title will drive away at the end of the season in a TVR constructors with 21 points. J Kilmartin of Maidenhead, Berks, wins a pair of Cerbera, valued at over £40,000. Second prize is £10,000 plus a trip for two to the 2000 Monaco Grand Prix. Third prize is 25,000 plus a pair of four-day four-day passes to this year's British Grand Prix. His team, Prancers 9, scored 818 points in Melbourne and comprised M Schumacher, Irvine, passes to the 2000 British Grand Prix. To enter a team for the Brazilian GP,

AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX RESULTS

DRIVERS: Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid): Pole M Hakkinen 30 points; 2nd D Coulthard 25; 3rd M Schumacher 24; 4th R Barrichello 23; 5th HH Frentzen 22; 6th E irvine 21: 7th G Pisichella 20; 8th R Schumacher 19; 9th D Hill 18; 10th A Warz 17; 11th J Villeneuve 16; 12th J Trulli 15; 13th J Herbert 14; 14th P Diniz 13; 15th A Zanardi 12; 16th J Alesi 11; 17th Takaci 10; 18th P de la Rosa 9; 19th R Zonta 8; 20th O Panis 7. Finishing points (scored for the top 20 classified positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st E Irvine 60 points; 2nd HH Frentzen 50; 3rd R Schumacher 40; 4th G Fisichelle 30; 5th Fl Barnchello 29; 6th P de la Rosa 28; 7th T Takagi 27; 8th M Schwarzcher 26. (Only 8 were classified.) Lap points one point for each lap completed): E irvine 57 points; HH Frentzen 57; R Schumacher 57; G Fisichelle 57; R Burrichello 57; P de la Rosa 57; T Talond 57; M Schumecher 56; R Zonta 48; L Badoer 42; A Wurz 28; P Diniz 27; M Gene 25; J Truff 25; O Panis 23; M Hakkinen 21; A Zanardi 20; D Coulthard 13; J Villeneuve 13. Improvement from starting grid to finishing position (3 points for each improved place): P de la Rosa 36 points; T Takagi 30; E Irvine 15; R Schumach 15; HH Frentzen 9; G Fisichelia 9. Fastest lap time of grand prix M Schumacher 10 points. Penalty points incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): M Schumacher -10 points; R Barrichello -10. Did not fixist the race (10 points deducted): R Zonta -10 points; L Badoer -10; A Wurz -10; P Diniz -10; M Gene -10; J Truff -10; O Panis -10; M Hakkinen -10; A Zenerdi -10; D Coulthard -10; J Villeneuve -10; D H部 -10; J Alesi -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): J Herbert -10 points. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none. CONSTRUCTORS: Finishing points (scored for the first car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): Ferrari 30 points; Jordan 25; Williams 24; Benetion 23; Stewart 22; Arrows 21. Penalty points Incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of grid or pit iane (10 points deducted): Ferrari-10 points; Stewart-10. minution of a car during the race (10 points deducted): McLaren -20 points; Prost -20; Sauber -20; Minardi -20; BAR -20; Jordan -10; Williams -10; Benetton -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): Stewart -10 points. Speeding in the pit issue (5 points deducted); none.

BOMES PORTS apply to six grands prix during the 1999 Formula One championship, the first of which is the Brazillan GP. Correctly predicting usualing driver: 100 points; second place; 200 points; third place; 300 points

THE PRIZES

STAR PRIZE The manager with the 2ND PRIZE £10,000 plus a VIP trip for two to the 2000 Monaco GP day passes to the 2000 British GP INDIVIDUAL RACE WINNERS

top score on our fantasy leaderboard after the final race of the season will win a £41,100 TVR Cerbera, plus a VIP trip for two to any GP next season 3RD PRIZE £5,000 plus a pair of four-The manager of the team that scores the most points in each GP will win a pair of four-day passes, with centre transfer, for the 1999 or 2000 British Grands Prix, countersy of Siliverstone

Silverstone

TO ENTER BY PHONE

Readers in the UK and Republic of Ireland must call 0640 67 88 88 +44 870 901 4206 from Rol). Calls last about seven minutes and must be made by Touch-tone telephone. Follow the instructions and tap in your 12 two-digit selections in turn. The order in which you register your first three drivers will be your predictions for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishing places for the grands prix where bonus points apply. Then give your team name (up to 16 characters) and details. You can enter until noon on Thursday, April 8, 1999 to qualify for the Brazilian Grand Prix

TO ENTER BY POST

Complete the form, right, with your 12 two-digit selections. The order in which you register your first three drivers will be your predictions for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd finishing places for the grands prix where vioce striog sunod

41 1 67 E IVIDS O'l M Heiddson 09 G Fisichel 03 D H 40 J Alest ds & Zanardi. 22 11 3 Harbert OR J Villeneum

FANTASY FORMULA ONE 24-HOUR ENTRY LINE: 0640 67 88 88

TRANSFERS

Fisichella, R Schumacher, Frentzen and Takagi for the drivers and Ferrari.

You can make a total of 12 transfers. Each transfer allows you to change one selection. You can make up to four transfers with each call. For the Brazillar GP call 0640 678 801 (+44 870 901 4240 ex UK) before noon on Thursday April 7 with your 10-digit PIN to hand. Your new team must have three selections from each of groups A, B, C and D.

RESULTS SERVICE BY PHONE: check the score and position

of your team(s) after the Australian race by calling 0640 622 178 (+44 870 901 4278 ex UK) with your 10-digit PIN. BY FAX: have your 10-digit PIN ready, pick up the handset on your fax, or press the on-book or telephone button, and dial 0991 123 714. Follow the instructions. You will receive details of your race score, the points for your drivers and constructors and your position on our leaderboard. Calls cost £1 per minute and are available in the UK only. If you have any problems, call the helpline on 0171-412 3795

THE TIMES NATWEST FANTASY FORMULA ONE ENTRY FORM

which offers up to 600 bonus points, or to make transfers, see details below

Complete this form with your credit-card details, or enclose a sterling cheque for £3 payable to Fantasy Formula One. (For readers resident outside the UK and Republic of Ireland the fee is £15.) Post it to: The Times NatWest Fantasy Formula One, Abacus House, Dudley Street, Luton LU1 12Z, Your entry must be received by Wednesday, April 7, 1999 to qualify for the Brazillan GP

GROUP A AND GROUP B DRIVERS 1st 2nd 3rd	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms
GROUP C AND GROUP D CONSTRUCTORS	Postcode Day lef Credit Card Payment Card number: Explry date MasterCard Visa
save read and accept the fules and wish to uler the Fantasy Formula One game.	Name on card

 On which days do you usually buy The Times? Monday Tuesday
Thursday Friday

2. Which other National Daily Newspaper(s) do you

4. Which National Sunday Newspaper(s) do you buy quite often (1-2 copies per month)? If you would prefer not to receive information and offers from produissions carefully selected by The Times, please tick

3. Which National Sunday Newspaper(s) do you buy

With NatWest MasterCard, it doesn't have to be a fantasy.

NatWest MasterCard, the preferred card of Jordan Grand Prix.

NatWest

MENTS HEAD OF THE RIVER RACE

WOMEN'S MEAD OF THE RIVER RACE (Mortisies to Purinsy): 1, Meriow A. Britin State (elite winners); 2, Tharries A. 18-41; 3, Thomas Southers A. 18-18; (service one winners); 4, Belvor A. 18-18; (overseas winners); 5, Upper Tharries 19-24; 6, University of London 19-29; (university winners); 7, Kingston A. 19-30; 8, Meriow B. 19-21; 9, Notingham County 19-34; 10, Imperta College and Claeen's Tower A. 19-38. Other division winners: Senior throat Cambridge University B. 20-13. Senior three: Cambridge University C. 19-58; Novice traitversity: Southsympton University A. 20-48. Novice chair: Twickenham C. 21-34. Vederans Derwent/Leicester/Notis and thion 20-45. Schoot: Lady Eleanor Holies 20-08. Provincial club: Grosvenor A. 20-12. BUSA: Oxford Brookes A. 20-22.

SCHOOLS SPORT

FOOTBALL: Bilindzonie Individual uchoole Trophy (under-19): Quarter-final: Wickersley (Hothertern) 1 Bolton School 2. Heitz Ketchup Trophy (under-14): Stefe-roand replays Barrsley 1 Bishop Auddend 1 (Bishop Auddend win 3-1 on pens). Quarter-final: Washington Quartern) of Hungariel (Doncasser) 3. Inter-county matches: Under-19: Quarter 3 Durntines and Galloway 4. Under-15: Cumbrie 1 Durntines and Galloway 0. Under-18: Cumbrie 3 Durntines and Galloway 0. Under-18: Trophy: Semi-final: Tameside 1 Macclesifield 1 (Macclesifield win 4-3 on pens). Mich Trophy: Semi-final: Solicid Alianchester 3. Manochester County Capsers). Mich Trophy: Semi-final: Solicid Alianchester 3. Manochester County Capsers Marchester Stockool: Orichan 0. Mortiners March Leaguer Wallefield 2 Blackgool

Track and field

der-14: Sessi finale: Brusbourna 7 Gable Hall 11, Feirfex 9 Bacup and Reviensial 15. Final: Gable Hall 7 Bacup and Reviersial 11.

SHANGHAL Chine International: Semi-finate: W Snaddon (Scot) bt S Handry (Scot) 8-2 J Haggirs (Scot) bt A McManus (Scot) 6-4 First: Haggirs bt Snaddon 9-3 (brame scotes, Haggirs bt: 56-53, 79-29, 0-93, 82-88, 73-25, 68-3, 78-8, 72-43, 21-55, 64-30, 124-13, 68-6).

GREAT YARMOUTH: English Open:
Ment: Singlest Obertan-finelst Me Werige
(China) It O Clanii (Austria) 21-14, 22-30,
21-13, J Persson (Swel It J Huang (Carl)
14-21, 21-10, 21-16, 21-11; WS Schleger (Austria)
14-21, 21-10, 21-16, 21-11; WS Schleger (Austria)
17-21, 21-17; Kim Teek Soo (S Kor) It P Chi18 (Pri 21-16, 21-10, 21-11), Semi-direcks Ma
Wenge It Persson 21-19, 21-18, 15-21,
25-27, 22-20, 12-21, 21-18, 15-21,
25-27, 22-20, 12-21, 21-14, Wennert: Sinplest Charlier-finelist: M Steff (Port) It J
Iten-Zomer (Ger) 21-16, 7-21, 21-16, 21-19,
21-14, J Schopp (Ger) It F J Hye (S Kor)
16-21, 21-15, G Jan (LIS) It K Mot
Nyo (S Kor) 19-21, 12-21, 21-14, 21-19,
21-14, J Schopp (Ger) It F J Hye (S Kor)
16-21, 21-19, 21-10, 21-10, 21-18, 20-22,
21-17, Bolleau It Jun 21-12, 21-16, 21-16.

HADMAN WELLS, Colfficentia: Champions' Cup: Quarter-Greek: C Moyé (Sp) bt K Kucara (Stocken) 8-4, 6-4; G Kuerter (Br) bt R Kraficek, (Holf) 6-4, 6-4; M Philippoussis (Aus) bt T Martin (US) 3-6, 7-5, 6-1. Semi-4-nalis: Moyé bt Kuseten 6-3, 1-6, 6-1; Philippoussis bt C Woodruf (US) 6-1, 6-2. WTA Event Cup: Phaet: S Williams (US) bt S Graf (Ger) 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

SNOOKER

SQUASH

TABLE TENNIS

TÉNNIS ...

BETHINGHAM: AB-England champton-shiper Mean Stagles: Semi-finate: P Gade Christornen (Den) bit Bishchool (Indo) 15-11.
15-5: T Hodayat (Indo) to P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den) 15-13.
15-7: T Hodayat 15-11 7-15. 15-10 Decisions bit Hidayat 15-11 7-15. 15-10 Decisions bit Hidayat 15-11 7-15. 15-10 Decisions Semi-finatis: Lee Dong-Son and Yoo Yong-Sung (S Korl br Che Chron Eng and Les Wan Wah (Mateysia) 15-9. 15-6. I Gunesan and C Wigaya (Indo) to the Tas-Kiron and Kim Dong Moon (S Kor) 7-15. 15-12, 15-8. Phant Gunesan and Wigayat Lie Dong-Son and Yoo Yong-Sung 15-7. 15-5 Wester: Sim-Joseph (Chrona) bit C Martin (Dard 11-1, 11-3: Der Yen (Chron) to Alexin (Dard 11-1, 11-3: Der Yen (Chron) to Zhou Mi (Chron) 811, 13-10. 11-5. Finati: Ye Zhou Mi (Chron) 81, 11-1. Der Yen (Linna) bit C Hartin (Dard 11-1, 11-3: 11-1, 11-1. Der Ying 15-5, 15-8, Monad doubless Seas-In-maker He Tee-Kwinn and Chung, Jee-Hee (SiKor) bit M Soggand and R Olsen (Den) 15-13, 11-15, 15-13, S Archer and J Goode (Eng) bit B Supremen and R Zefin (Inch) 15-6, 15-9, Finelt, Archer and Goode bit Ha Teeloren and Chung Jae-hee 15-2, 15-13. BELFAST: British Islans WIB champton-siripus Semi-finasis: Patrac K Megreth and E Bell (Beltast) by P Summerheid and J Jones (Radinarchirer) 22-37; S McLasah and A Medrose (Nedorbam) at C Webb and J Roylance (N Waisham) 23-17. Triplese P Calvin, AB Mothern and A Mullins (Islawn) 24-10. J Brookety, M Townsley and E Wen Fellath, bt S Jones, P Pearse and J Bowles (Preston) 14-13. Fourse M Wildomson, M Craig, M Carneron and G Law (Co Animal bit B Thomas, J Watter, P Declerator and J Hine (Torsen) 27-16 M Adams, R Gelmour K Adams and J Wilsmann (Auchimeted) by P Mastrey, A AB-mond, L Read and S Lacey (Cherwell) 23-8 C'NON VALLEY; Welsh team champton-ship: Seed-finaise Bale (Cardiff) bit Stradey (Lianell) 118-57, Alan (Port Tolbod) bi Rhydycar (Merthyr Tydfi) 77-66 HOCKEY MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier di vision: Saturday: Hull 1 Surbiton 1. Yesther day: Bounnile 6 Guidford 2, Brockards 2 Beaston 5, Cannock 13 East Grinsbed 3, Carriettury 2 Southgate 4: Old Loughton-ars 3 Reading 7, Teddington 3 Hourslow 1. E Grissead 19 2 2 15 3/ 73 5

FIRST DIVISION: Cheimstord 0 Barlord Tigers 3, Doncaster 2 Harrisston Maggies 2, Estocke 1 Oxford Hawks C: Hampstead 1 Indian Gymikhans 2 Hawari 1 Lewes 2: Hull Fide 1 Golden Linwersity 3; Isca 1 Bromley 4, St.Albans 0 Loughborough Students 2: Shelfield 3 Firebrands 2; Stoorport 3 Surbinon 5

P W 10 L F A Pas

Surbiton 18 14 2 2 75 26 44

Doncaster 18 13 4 1 83 21 43

Lewes 18 13 2 3 66 39 41

Lourough St 18 9 8 3 36 28 33

Barlord 1 18 9 5 4 55 43 32

Stoorport 18 9 5 4 55 43 32

Stoorport 18 9 5 4 55 43 32

Chelmistord 18 9 6 4 50 62 30

Chelmistord 18 9 8 7 50 42 29

Eastoote 18 7 5 8 42 47 26

Lancet 18 8 8 6 6 50 50 24

Catord Hawks 18 4 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 7 4 0 41 18

Oxford Hawks 18 4 7 7 8 38 52 17 PLBI 3 3 L2 30 GS H.

SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier divisions High
Wycombe 1 Farefram 2 Middx/Berfox/
Bucks and Oxons Abrigdon 0 Newbury 8.
C of O-dord 1 Sumbury 2, Germands C 3 Ashford 3: Hayes, 3 Lione 5: Heridon 5 Famham
C 2; Markow 5 Somming 0. O Kingstoniation 4
Stantes 2: Process 0 Million Krymes 1; Flamparts 4 Fischings Ph. 3; W Hampsteed 6 PHC
Chissids 4, Hasspanian Burrey; Dulwich 2 hours of Norten 1 Shaffaid 8 1, Rother-hours of Formby 3; Southport 3 8 Fitydding 1 DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE MIDLANDS UEAGUE: Presider glintfors; Ediphaston 1 schome 1. Hampforn-Arden 1 Coverity nd North Warweds 3; Khalsa 6 North Notes Notemphan 4 Northampton Sants 1, Ol-n and West Worwicks 3 Leek 2, Shreve-ry 1 North Stafford 5

TODAY

FOOTBALL

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier divisions Alterstone v Salsbury, Southern divisions Dentord v Torbridge Angels.
LIMBOND LEAGUE: Premier divisions Emily v Winstord, First divisions Astron.
Linded v Wiston Albion.

United v Witton Albion.

RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier divisions Da-gerham and Redindge v Harrow (7 45).

AVON INSURANCE COMBRINATION.

First divisions Northernoton v Futinen (2.0).

PORTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier divisions Blackburn v Manchester Und (7.0); Sunderland v Aston Villa (7 0).

SCREWFOX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier divisions divisions Villa (7 0).

division: Keynsham v Backwell Manishva SPARTAN SOUTH INTO-LANDS LEAGUE Challenge Trophy: Fourth round: Ruisip Menor v Wathern

Abbey MONTH WESTERM TUNNEL LISTANE First division: Citheroe v Holker Old Boys.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Oxorter-finets, second leg: AS Roma (1) v Adético Madrid (2) (7.30), Cetta Vigo (1) v Marseñes (2) (8.45), Lyons (0) v Bologna (3) (7.30), Parma (1) v Bor-deaux (2) (5.30)

ham (7 45)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Bury V Wokerhampion (7 45). Crewe v
Grinstry (7 45). Second division: Blackpool v Scurremouth (7 30). Maintrester
(7 y Notes County (7 45). Sloke v Futham
(7 45). Third division: Brentont v Haister
(7 45). Rotherham v Cartiff (7 45).
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHELD: Northem section: Pirat, first leg: Wigan v Vires-

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

PREMIER FOLLOWS MAST MARIJE Pre-mainr division A: Bedond Town 1 Busharts 2. Colchester 1 Bishop's Stordord 2. Crostyn 6. Cambridge City 1; Ipswich 3. Cambridge University 6, Pelerborough Town 4. Caction 1. INTERNATIONAL MATCH: South Africa. 3. FRIST DIVISION: Seturdary: Aldridge () Cheimstard 4, Canterbury 2 Bradford 1, Tro-jers 2 Sunderland 1; Wirtbledon 2 Lough-brough Students 2, Yestendary: Loughbor-ough Students 3 Bradford 2. Cugh Students 3 distanced 2.

F W D L F A Pta
Canterbury 14 8 2 4 39 19 26
Creamstord 14 7 4 3 30 17 25
Addrigs 14 7 1 6 16 20 22
L'borough 14 6 3 5 26 23 21
Trogans 14 5 6 3 29 28 21
Bradford S 14 5 4 5 27 26 19
Wintbleston 14 3 6 5 18 30 15
Sunderland 14 1 2 11 10 32 6 P W D L F A Pts 14 13 1 0 55 17 40 igns 14 7 3 4 41 20 24 14 8 2 5 23 23 20 14 8 2 5 17 23 20 14 8 2 5 30 42 14 14 4 2 8 30 42 14 14 4 1 9 23 39 13 14 4 0 10 8 25 12 Sherwood 14 4 0 10 8 25 12
WOMEN'S REGIONAL LEAGUES: East Ashtord 2 pawich 4, Bushests 2 Dereham 3, Herieston 2 Bary St Edmunds 0, Letchworth 2 Camba C 1, Midlander Belper 1 Diron 1; Christon H 2 Nettering 3, Loughborough Sutients 2 Bedford 2, Laton 2 N Statis 1, Northe Chester 1 Liverpool S 2, Deeside R 12 Leyland M 1; Don Valley 1 Winnington Parks 2 Sheffled 1 Backdown 2, Soutier Heridon 1 Maktenhaad 4, Hossiant 3 Winchester 0; Reading 2 Dukich 4; Soutierpool S 2 region 2 Dukich 4; Soutierpool 3 Rover 3, Tuise H 4 w Winney 0, West Chellenham 0 T Vale 1; Colved 0 Emoutin 0; Portlahead 1 Bournermouth 1; Rodland 2 Eneter 1; St Austell 1 Leomanter 1.
NEDLAND BANK, WELSH WOMEN'S LEAGUE Colvey Bay 0 Carolii African 1; Swenses 7 Penarth 0.

OTHER SPORT

ICE HOCKEY: Sekonda play-off chample cuship: Group B: Notingham Parthers v Newcastle Fiverlangs (7.30).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP: Querter-linets, sec-oud leg: Dynamo Klev (1) v Real Madnd (1) (7 45) Internacionale (0) v Manchester Lid (2) (7 45); Kaiserstautem (0) v Bayern Mu-noti (2) (7.45), Olympialcos (1) v Juventus (2) (7.45),

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Forest Green v Yeovil (7.45).

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Clydebank v Ayr (7.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

NORTHERN FORD PREMIERSHIPS Featherstone v Widnes (7 30); Whitehaven v Lancasher Lynx (7 30), Hull KR v Oldhem (7 30)

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Br-mingham Bullets v Edinburgh Rocks (at As-ton Villa, 730); Worthing Bears v Darby Storm (8.0)

Storm (8.0) RUGBY I. LEAGUE: Student Cup (at Cou-gar Park, Keighley): Women: Finel: Man-chester University v Luton University (6.0).

SCOTLAND SQUAD (for next year's world

Schilland school (of neighbor). Garder (Sighi-ndi): N Currie (Anten): K and R Legan (Kristen). A Marnini (Gorge Mill): R Marnhall (Santord): J Michigre (Houlds-worth): G Sendon (Brodum): I Sneddon (Tulbody), W Wood (Gillard)

MADISON SQUARE CARDEN: New York: WBA, WBC and IBF heavyweight states: E Holylield (U.S.) holder of WBA and IBF) draw with Llawis (GB, holder of WBC) IBF light-middleweight filte: F Vargas (U.S) by the Carles (GB) to 4th WBA wetter-weight charapteosthibut J Page (U.S) by Gar (U.S) ps. WBA flyweight title: L Garnez (Vern) to H Solo (Veg) Srd. Bowle Fist Leisungsthiand Buropass British, Contriouwealth and Europass British, Contriouwealth and Europass Sphihady by Carles) title: M Brotte (Ashey (Least) ret 8th. Europass super benhamweight title: C Woods (Sheffeld) bit C Ashey (Least) ret 8th. Europass super benhamweight title: M Brotte (Azarchester) by S Medicourse (Fr) rsc 9th Commonwealth and vacant British flyweight siles: D (Koly (Gelast) by A Hanna (Briningham) pts. Central Area light-weight IBE: G Hobert (Oldham) bit M Hadam (Manchester) pts. LIBECK, Germany WBC creleserweight title: JC Gornez (Cutta) by M Dominguez (Arri) pts.
SAINT-MAZAIRE, France: European weiterweight title: M Nestererico (Plass) ko S Cazesau (Fr) 9th

BOXING

CRICKET

Second Test match

New Zealand v South Africa

CHRISTCHURCH (fourth day of five): South Alrica, with rune first-innings wickels in hand, are 274 runs ahead of New Zealand

NSEW ZEALAND: First Immings 188 (S M Politick 4 for 34). SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings FALL OF WICKET, 1-127.

BOWLING: Doubl 25.5.9-48-0; Allow 43-11-109-0; Nash 22-5-46-0; Acide 18.1-2-76-0; Vertori 24-6-73-1; Stead 1-0-1-0; Harms 28-9-77-0.

Umpros: K T Francis (\$rt Lanks) and D M Quested.

Asian Test championship

Sri Lanka v Pakistan

DHAKA (third day of live). Sri Lanke, with seven second-immings wickets in hand, are 354 runs behind Pakistan

SRI LANKA: First Innangs 231 (P A de Silva 72; Anshad Khan 5 for 38).

Total (3 wids) 9 BOWLING: Wasim Akram 1.1-0-5-3; Shoaib Akritar 1-0-4-0.

PAKISTAN: First Immos

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-117, 3-483, 4-515, 5-518, 6-534, 7-542, 8-555, 9-590

BOWLING: Vass 324-101-0; Wickenmannine 20-4-53-0; K S C de Sika 25-4-75-1; Chandana 47-48-179-6; P A de Sika 120-044-0; Amold 37-2-2-80-2; Jayanardene 10-0-35-0.

Umpires: D B Cowie (New Zealand) and D R Shepherd (England) SHEFFEELD SHELD: Final day of four: Hobart: Tasmania 278 and 240-9 (J Cox

BASKETBALL

Saeed Anwar c and b Amold. Wajahatullah Wasti c Jeyowan b K S C da Silva

true-BALL TROPPN: Finale Deby Biern Bi-Manchaeler Garne 90 (an NEC Arena, Bernargham) BuDintester Lendon Leopards 82 Themes Valley Tigers 91; Shel-Iteld Sharks 83 Millon Kewas Lones 60 NATIONAL LEAGUE (1882 Le Nieue First division: Carolif C 89 Solont 116; Coveriny 99 Carolif P 72 Guiddiod 81 Stevensp 78; Oxford 63 Phymouth 112 Teesside 99 Solbrul 65; Westminder 82 Bisson 74, Second divisions: Bournemouth 75 Wandsworth 89; Chessington 70 Seindon 69; Levenpod 83 Reaching 78; Portsmouth 85 Thannes V 79; Slough 47 Manchaeler 66; Taurion 85 Finishine 72. Wommer, Flest divisions: Ippacto 71 Thannes V 86; London 69; Levenpod 83 Finishine 72. Wommer, Flest divisions (peach 71 Thannes V 86; London 69; Neutrol 60; Shelfield 70; Lecester 54; Spetimere 44 Financia 58. NetTroMAL ASSOCIATION (NBA); Friday; Indiana 109 Milwalices 104; Philadelphia 100 New Jersey 93 (CT); Washington 53 Charlotte 92; Delrod 93 Boston 83; Chicago 70 To New York 63, Phonenic 97 San Anionio 12; Periland 77 Usin 91; Los Angeles Lalera Bill Golden State 74; Alcuston 100 Cleweland 88; San Antonio 92 Deriver 61, Usin 99 Mirnasola 72; Golden State 74; Houston 100 Cleweland 68; San Antonio 92 Deriver 61, Usin 99 Mirnasola 72; Golden State 74; Chrando 87; Los Angeles Cippers 96 (CT) Portland 106
Eastern Confidence Portland LA Lakers Seattle Phoenix Golden State Sacramento LA Clippers ham (7.45). Southers section: Final, ecc-ord log: Wolsai (I) v Milhest (1) (7.45). MATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Chellen-ham v Ferricorough (7.45); Leek v South-por (7.45); Northwich v Doncaster (7.45); Rushdert and Diamonds v Dover (7.45); Welling v Stevenage (7.45); Wolsing v Ketter-log (7.45). Carditi v Liverpool John Moores University RUGBY UNION: Club staticts: Richmon XV v Royal Nevy (at Athletic Ground, 7.30 THURSDAY SCOTTEN LEAGUE: Third division: Alberton v Montrose (7-30); Dumberton v Cowdenbeath (7-30). FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Women's home bations toor-nament (at DISC, Dunctee): Under-18: Scotland v Water (3:30); England v Intered (5:16) Under-19: Scotland v Water (12:0); keland v England (1:45)

ICE HOCKEY: Selsonds play-off chample crethy: Group A: Sheffeld Seelers v Lon-don Knights (7.30).

RUGBY UNION

A INTERNATIONAL HATCHES: England v France (at Rednuth, 1.30); italy v Wales (at Rovigo, 7.30); Scotland v Ireland (at Myre-side, 7.0).

SRE, 7 (7).

URNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH-ES: England v France (at Worcester, 7.30); Ray v Wales (at Udine, 2.0); Scotland v Ireland (at Bindgehaugh, Strling, 6.30).

CLUB MATCH: Hariacuins v Biantiz (7 30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JJB SUPER LEAGUE: Leeds v Wigan (7.30)

· FRIDAY

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD CUP WHORERS' CUP: Quarter-finets, second larg: Lazio (4) v Panionios (0) (7.45); Maccabi Hadis (0) v Lixomoliv Moscov (3) (4 30); Reel Maltorca (0) v Varieto (3) (7 30); Valerenga (0) v Cheises (3) (7 30).

to victory in the final of the All-England badminton championships yesterday Hedneslord v Yeonit, Hereford v Bastow, Kid-deminister v Dover, Kropsionian v Telford; Lesk v Forest Green; Morecembe v Rush-den and Diamonds; Wolking v Stavenage. BANK OF SCOTTLAND SCOTTISH PRE-MIER LEAGUE: Dundee v Hearts, Duntern-line v St. Johnstons; Motherwell v Aberdsen; Rangers v Dundee Utd. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Float division: Ayr v SI Miser Chydebrik v Faith, Fellin v Hamil-lon, I Demin v Altike; Starmary v Green-ock Motori. Succeed division: Allog v Cusem of South; Chyde v Arbreath; East Fife v Staling; Forter v Inveness CT; Partick v Liv-ingston. Third divisions: Allon v Stan-housemus; Bervick; v Brechin; Montrose v East String; Queen's Park v Condenbeath; Ross County v Dumbartor. OTHER SPORT (12.30). Uname 16: Wales v Ireland (9.0); Scotland v England (2.15). ICE HOCKEY: Saltonda play-off champi-omahip: Group A: London Knights v Mari-chester Storm (7.0); BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Milton Keynes Liona v Leocester Riders (7:30); Shef-led Sharta v Manchester Gents (7:45). HOCKEY: Women's borne autions inur-nament (at DISC, Dundee): Under-18: Scotland v Instand (1:30); England v Walse (3:15). Under-16: Scotland vineand (10:0); Walse v England (11:45). ICE HOCCEY: Selsonal play-tell champi-onality: Group B: Newcastle Fiverlings v Cardid Devits (7:15). SUNDAY FOOTBALL WORTHWINGTON CUP: Pirat: Leicester v Tottenhem (et Wennbley, 3.0). FA CARLING PREDIETERSHIP: Auton Villa v Chelose (11.30); Menchester Lud v Ever-ion (3.0). BANK OF SCOTLAND SCOTTISH PRIS-IMER LEAGUE: Presider division; Kilmer-nock v Cells (6) ISS

RUGBY UNION

LLOYDS TSS FIVE NATIONS CHAMPI-ONSHIP: England v France (at Twicker-ham, 2.30); Scotland v Ireland (at Muney-field, 3.0)

field, 3.0)
BYTERHATIONAL BLATCH: Ray v Wales
(at Travico, 1.30).
JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First divi-alors: Lydney v Henley (1.30).
WELSH LEAGUE: Float divisions Black-wood v Pontypool (2.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE

JUB SUPER LÉAGUE: Stretfield v London (6.0).

FOR THE RECORD

GOLF

EQUESTRIANISM

PARSS: World Cup qualifier: 1, PS Priamos (L. Beerbaum, Ger) 0 ponalties in 37-18sec; 2 Cahean (W Meligue, Sett 2) 0 in 40.83; 3, Beleatine du Meani (X Caurront, Fr) 0 in 40.90. World Cup muldiogs in Western European Leaguer, 1, B Mercili (Switz) 60; 2, W Meliger Switz) 60; 3, J Tors (Holl St. British plecinger, 5, J Mitaker 44; 6, M Witster 43; 11, G Billington 34; 15, J Fisher 27; Garand Prix Robert, Garatiri Balcuber du Pouter (R Pesson, Br) 0 in 30.27; 2, Atout d'hidpry (E Novet, Fr) 0 in 32.63; 3, Diemond Clar (J Whitsley, Gel) 32, 71, Dreseage World Cup qualifier: 1, Geston Olympu Partout (A van Grussen, Holl, Imin 18,825ec; 2, Souveran W (J Westin, Ger) 1:15,73; 3, Nissan Giorgio 5 (J Westin, Ger) 1:15,73; 4, Rison (P Leveton, GE) 1:10,011 Dreseage World Cup rankfaont, 1, I Werth (Ger) 83; 2, J Witter (Ger) 64; 3, I Bartos (Holl) 54; 4, A Simono-de Ridder (Ger) 51; 5, R Dawlson (GS) 48.

70. B Lee 5-53); New South Wales 308-8 dec, Match charm. Adeletide: Queensland 239 and 449-5 dec (J P Maher 206 not out), South Australia 345 and 254-9 (D S Lah-mann 78 not out, D A Progrand 57). Match drawn Wellbourne. Victoria 233 and 275-6 dec, Western Australia 238 and 227-6 (R M Baller 88, S M Kasich 73). Match drawn

Road races

PARIS-NICE RACE: Seventh stage (Setuon to Valhero, 100.7km) 1, F Vandenbroucke (Set) Sirt form Sesc; 2, R Venerue
(Fr), 3, D Fingo (ii) both at same time; 4, G
Frouras (i) Zesc; 5, G Vertreyen (Set) 4. Britbin placing; 75, C Boardman 2608. Bighth
stage; 1, T Sesks (Set) 4ir form 41sec; 2, H
Mondrier (Austins), 3, G Magnusson (Swe);
4, J Planckeet (Bet), 5, S O Grady (Aus) et
same time Leading filmit overall positions; 1, M Booger (Holl) 36ir 4min 13sec;
2, M Zherg Swicz) at 57sec; 3, S Botero (Col)
1mm 38sec; 4, Vandenbroucke 2:10.
MERSEY RG TWO-DAY (Hope, North
Wales, 119 miles); 1, G Sheppart (Cantill
MF) 4th 37mm Beec; 2, C Anelay (NC Voodoo)
at 19sec; 3, M Lovatt runstiactived 1:03.
SECONTRISE WHEELERS (Rombord-Harlow, 82 miles); 1, M Ford (Chester RG)
325-15; 2, B Wiggors (Addas-ScCont); 3, M
Rogers (Anonee Vira) both at same time.
HGGH WYCOMBE CC (Great Milton, Oxtordshire, 61 miles); 1, K Freeman (High Wycombe CC) 225:00; 2, R Easthern (Bournemouth Jubiles Wheelers); 3, D Crow (Twickenham C) both at same time.

Time trials

Time trials

Time trials

CC BRECCH AND FOUR-UP TEAM (Mundford, Norfolk, 50km): 1, Cambridge 1-10:01;

2 Anglia Velo 1:10:17, 3, Godin: 1 12:51

NOVA CC TWO-UP (Gassorth, Crasinse,
25 miles): 1, B Elliott and R Waren (Macclesfield Wheelers) 57:08; 2, S Feaney and P
Towers (Leigh Premer) 57:24; 3, L Copeland
and D Hitchen (New Brighton CC) 57:44,
BURTON AND DISTRICT CA TWO-UP
(Griffydam, Lalcestershire, 25 miles): 1, N
Pearl (Waisel RCC) and D Willets (Biochfield CC) 55:44, 2, A Long and C Thompson
(Coshille Wheelers) 57:00; 3, S King and A
Swain (Melton Olympic) 58:34.

CYCLING

A dynamic Peter Gade Christensen demonstrates the athleficism that helped take him

P Stewart 70, 67, 72, Other scores; 214; E Els (SA) 70, 73, 71, C Montpomeris (GB) 72, 70, 72, 219; A Lyle (GB) 72, 71, 76.

70, 72, 219; ALyle (GB) 72, 71, 76; TUCSON, Arizona: Welcht's/Cirole K championship: Leadens after Evre-rounds (Urinot States unless stated); 204; D Eggeling 68, 67, 69, 69, 206; H Stacy 72, 68, 61, D Pepper 67, 69, 69, 206; H Stacy 72, 68, 61, 50; Stranton 70, 65, 71, 207; C Mannew (GB) 73, 69, 65, 206; T Green 69, 73, 67; Se Ri Pok (S Kor) 67, 72, 69, J Interes 68, 71, 69, 206; K Webb (Ass) 74, 69, 68, K Robbins 72, 67, 70; T Henson 71, 67, 71; H Altredsson (Swe) 98, 67, 72; K Albers 72, 67, 70. Other scores: 214; M McKey (GB) 73, 71, 70, 219; S Lowe (GB) 72, 73, 70, 219; L Device (GB) 71, 71, 74

SEKONDA PLAY-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP:

SEKONDA PLAY-OFF CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Bracknell Bass 4 Manchester Somm 2:-London Knights 3 Shaffield Steel-ers 4 (OT). Group B: Nottingham Panthers 3 Ayr Scottish Eagles 2. MATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Caro-lina 2 Calgary 1: New York Rangess 4 Bos-ton 5: Neshville 5 Chicago 3: Defas 4 Anah-lm 0: Sam Jose 2 Descot 0: Saburday: Pitts-burgh 4 Philadelphile 0; St Louis 6 Edmon-ton 4: Montreel 2 Toronto 1: Westington 4.

MOTOR RALLYING

VALDOHALL BALLY OF WALES: Fleat po-altions: 1, D Higgins (JoM, Subaru Impreza) 2hr 22min 0 4sec; 2, M Rove (JoM, Renaut Megane) et 13,0sec; 3, T Laudeam (Fin, Re-naut Megane) 27.2; 4, D Backley (Scot, Me-aubish Lancar) 2: 17.8; 5, M Higgins (JoM, Vollewager Golf) 2:57.1; 6, J Kybaletho (Fin, Vauchal Astra) 4,59.3; 7, N Weardon (Fin, Me-subish Lancar) 8:00.0; 9, R Tushill (Fin, Sub-aru Impreza) 8:18.3; 10, S Egglestone (Fin, Ford Escot) 6:48.5; Leading classiplea-ship standinger. 1, Rowe 20th; 2, Leading 2, Leading constructions: 1, Renaut 14pts; 2, Vellowagen 12; 3, Vauchal 9,

ICE HOCKEY

Pierersseure, South Africe: Grand Prix mouting: Selected resulte: Mess: Triple lange: J Edwerds (SB) 19.90m. Other Brish plateling: 2 T Olei 15.84. Javoble: M Cr. bett (SA) 87.77m; 2, M Robesson 75.52. (SE) 98.77m; 2, M Robesson 15.52. (Se) 98.77m; 2, M Robesson 15.77m; 2, strie 20: 4, St Mary's 19. Womens, 200m; 1; LWhitchead (Swarthau); 24.64; 2, N Middle-lon (Stathchycle); 25.52; 3, N Sution (Exster); 25.52; 400m; 1, D Hygins (University, of Wales Institute, Cardill) 55.41; 2, M Bjone (Loughborough); 56.53; 3, J McKay (Stas-gow); 57.01; 900m; 1, J Ross (Slasgow Calchedonian); 211.98; 2, C Entwaste (Bir-mingham); 213.98; 2, K Johns (Morthura-brie); 214.44; High Jasser; 1, L. McConnel, (Loughborough); 1.83m; 2, J Carne (Birming-

Doncester 20 Balley 29
Doncester 7tos: A Goultourne, Kerr, South-ernwood, Sustanesi Goultourne, Kerr, South-ernwood, Sustanesi Goulto Chesser 2. Bel-ley: Tiles: Price 2, Way 2, Flynn, Goels: Price 4, Dropped goel: Jackson, Alt: 741,

Price 4. Dropped goal: Jackson, Alt: 741, Hunniel: 14 Hell KR 28 Houseld: Tries: Invit, Walker, Goals: Rechter 3. Hell KR: Tries: Gene, Kitching, Rouse, Taeva, Goals: Charles 5. Att. 2,054, Rochdale 22 Leigh 40 Rochdale: Tries: Burgess, Fitzperald, Helon, Knowles, Goals: Fox 3. Leight-Tries: Ingarn 3, Fandough 2, Dean, Kerd-nck, Murray, Goels: D Puriti 4. Att. 1,203.

Cross country

Mal Akt: Five Wills mace Men (11km): 1, S
Hescu (Mor) Strain 49sec; 2, 1 Korr (Ken)
35:02; 3, S Lebit (Ukr) 35:08. Weater
(Sorr): 1, A Weyermann (Swiz): 1, 73:12, M
Oksyo (Ker) 17:36; 3, F Yeslan (Fr) 17:59,
McWaRk SHOWGROUNC: National
championables Senior men (12km): 1, J
Pupsley (Berchied) Servin 29sec; 2, B
Royden (McCasay) 35:42; 3, S Nawport
(Backheelt) 35:43; 4, K Cullen (Carr): 1, J
Pupsley (Berchied) 38:43; 4, K Cullen (Fr)
(Furna TVH) 36:49; Teamar; 1, Tpon
102(s); 2, Bingley 188; 3, Backheelt 25:
Senior women (Brn): 1, A Newport (Benhysiole and Mid Harts) 29:33; 2, A Willcombe (Partestie Harrow) 29:35; 2, L Talbot
(Bechori) 29:37, Teamar; 1, Shefresbuy Barnet 57; 2, Sallord 118; 3, Fratesbe Harrow
137, Junior men (10km): 1, S Haughlan
Horist Sheffeld; 33:50; 3, A Beckenth (Invicia East Kert) 33:51; Teamar; 1, Sale Harries Menteneter 121; 2, Solftud and Smell
Heelth 155; 3, Aldershot, Fernheun and District 153, Junior women (Sim): 1, S Thones (Welsend) 20:38; 2, K Fletcher (Grittelkert) 157; 3, Exp.

Heelth 157; 3, Exp.

Heelth 157; 3, Bernior (Frenheun and District 158, Junior women (Sim): 1, S Thones (Welsend) 20:38; 2, K Fletcher (Grittelkert) 157; 3, Backherth, Fernheun and District 158, Junior Women (Shetcher) 20:38; 3, L
Evens (Bristol) 22:18; Teamar; I, Swednish, Hourslow 21:24; 2, L McCash (Pandio) 22:08; 3, L
Evens (Bristol) 22:18; Teamer; I, Swednish, H
15:02; 2, K Voyet (Liver) (11:2); 3, H
Dean (Faciley) 21:18; Teamer; I, Swednish, J
15:02; 2, K Voyet (Liver) (15:36; Teamar
AlderHond (Faciley) 21:18; Teamer (AderHond, Farnhein and Distrat 82.

Road (Farnhein and Distrat 82. . . Cross country Road running

RUGBY LEAGUE 22 Bramie York 16 Sevieton 15 York Triess Bonn 2, Callaghan, 8 Ht. Sevieton: Triess Billy, Evens, Gerland. Goel: Gerland. Dropped goel: Walson. Alt: 831. Bradford: Tries: Valona 4, Boyla, Forstan, Naytor, R Paul, Sorces, Wilters: Goula: Paul B. Warrington: Tries: Forster, Kohe-Love, Wilson. Goals: Biners 2. Alt. 10,430. Londox Tries: Offich 5, Bazzley, Edwards, Fleming, Timut, Young, Gosta: Warton 7, Whiteleaver: Try: Charabas, Gook: Hering-Ington. Alts 1,588.
Witches: Try: Munro. Gooks: Hewit 3, Leeds: Tries: Hay 3, Sinisid 2, Godden, Godden, McDermoff, Rivett. Goeks: Hants 6. Att: 6,375. Northern Ford Premiership Develory . 35 Kalghley 8
Develory . Trice: Fyrn 3, Godfrey 2, Gra-hern, Hide. Gente: Eston 3, Dropped goat: Eston, Kalghley: Thy: Ramshaw. Goals: Wood 2, Att. 1,010.

Rick-off 3.0 unless stated
PA CARILING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenel v
Covertry, Blacktum v Wimbledon, Lead v
Debty, Nottinghem Forest v Middlesbrought,
Southampton v Sheffield Wednesday, West
Ham v Newcastle.
IMATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First divisions
Barnsley v Wolverbrandton, Bristol City v
Bradford; Crewe v Codord Utd. Crystal Palsee v Grinsby, Hudderdield v Brimmphem,
Norwich v Portsmouth; Queens Park Rangera v Swindon, Sheffield Utd. v Pod. Vale,
Sockport v Trammere, Sunderland v Botton;
Watford v Bury, West Bromwich v Ipsacht.
Second divisions: Chearfield v Luton, Colchester v Manchester City (6.0); Fulham v
Blackpoot, Gillingham v Lincola, Northampton v Bournemouth, Reading v Wycomber,
Stoke v Notts County; Watsail v Bussell Rovers; Wrednam v Burnley, York v Wigen, Talvid
divisions Cambridge Utd v Manskelt, Caliste v Bernford, Darlington v Southend, Exles v Bernford, Darlington v Southend, Exles v Bernford, Darlington v Southend. Exles v Bernford, Parkendol v Layton
Oners: Streeckury v Chester, Swanses v
Hallist, Torsen v Beachgrouph.
MATIONWINE. CONFIDENCE: Cheberham v Katlering, Doncaster v Welling, Famborough v Northweich; Payes v Southport, GTHER SPUTI
BASICETBALL Budweiser Leegue: Derby
Soms v Birmingham Budes (7.30); Leecster
Riders v Sheffield Sharks (7.30); Manchester
Genes v Condon Towers (7.40); Manchester
Genes v Chester Jets (7.6); Thomas Valley Tiopen v Edinbardh Rodes (8.0), Worthing
Bears v Greater London Leopards (8.0),
HOCKEY: Women's bones medicals tearmeetent, set DISC, Durdoe); Undere-18;
Wales v Ireland (10.45); Scotland v England RUGBY UNION

First division London Scot 15 Bedford 24
London Scot Tries: Borney, M Watson
Coxt. De Seer Penz De Beer Bedford:
Tries: Forder, Undewood Con: Yapp
Penz: Yapp 4 HT: 5-8. Att: 1.273
Mathematical Mathematical Control of the Control of Perss: Yapp 4 HT: 5-8. Att. 1273
Northampton: 15 Lelcester 22:
Northampton: Pense: Cavcon 5 Lalcester:
Tries: Cory, Jones, person by Coose: SorroSon 2 Pers: Sarroson: HT: 3-5 Att. 10,000
Richmond: 23 Bath 30
Richmond: 7ffee: R Hulton, Vander
Conse: Vala 2 Pense: Vala 3 Bath: Tries:
AdScayo Perry Core: Catt Pense: Catt 6
HT: 13-15 Att: 1,056
Sele: 32 Sensores: 24
Sale: Tries: Bosondol Ramelu, Vales
Conse: Tries: Son Depped goal: Pensud
HT: 18-13. Att: 3,570
Wasps: 38 London Irish 27 Second division HT: 18-13. Att: 3.570
Waspis 38 London Irish 27
Waspis 38 London Irish 27
Waspis Tries: Surverer 2. Sempson.
Weedon Const Logar 3. Pens: Logar 4
London Irish: Tries: Building Survey. Venler Const Connunction 2. Woods Pense;
Woods 2. HT: 25-10. Att: 6.048
W Hartlepool 33 Gloucester 32
W Hartlepool: Tries: Monkley. /ilo Con:
Vie Pense; Vie 6. Dropped goals: Vin
Gloucester Tries: Been Carter, Maysend;
Ogmich pensity by Cooss Mapletolt 2.
Pens: Mapletolt. HT: 18-22. Att: 1,300
P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts. Pient Mapfetott HT: 18-22 Ain: 1,300

Leicoster 20 17 0 3 590 309 34

Notherington 19 13 0 6 485 402 28

Saracers 19 12 1 6 593 412 25

London Insh 21 12 0 9 537 496 24

Wasps 19 11 1 7 541 360 23

Bath 19 11 0 8 457 403 22

Newcastle Hariequans 18 10 0 8 470 415 20

"Richmond 18 9 1 8 457 474 17

Coucester 21 8 12 447 449 20

"Goucester 21 8 11 2 447 494 17

London Scot 20 7 0 13 385 477 14

Sale 21 7 0 14 477 579 14

Sale 21 7 0 14 477 579 14

Sale 21 7 14 40 16 403 612 8

"Haridepool 19 3 0 16 321 636 6

London Welsh 20 13 0 7 492 447 25 Exeler 19 11 1 7 406 423 23 Leods 20 11 0 9 470 263 22 Waterloo 20 11 0 9 336 416 22 Covenity 20 10 0 10 490 436 20 Omel 20 8 0 12 379 349 16 Rugby 19 8 0 11 307 389 16 Rugby 19 8 0 11 307 389 16 Mosaley 20 7 0 13 390 465 14 Waterlood 20 5 0 15 359 577 10 Fyide 20 3 1 16 238 621 7 Blackheath 20 2 0 18 264 638 4 "Worcester deducted 2pts
LEADING SCOREPSS: 238: S Gough (Covenity, 8 Incs., 35 conversions, 41 parally LEADING SCORERS: 279: J Schuster Plartequirs, 4 Ines, 26 conversions, 68 pen-atly goals, 1 dropped goal) 230: G John-son (Saracers; 7t, 39c, 39pg), 219: K Lo-gan (Wasps, 6t, 27c, 45pg) 219: K Lo-gan (Wasps, 6t, 27c, 45pg) 219: M Gods (Barth, 3t, 30c, 46pg) 202: J Stransfly (Leocater, 7t, 34c, 33pg) 199: N Woods (London Insh, 11t, 24c, 22pg) Triese: 12: S Hanley (Sale), 11: Woods 10: N Back (Leocater), J Guscott (Bath), P Lam (North-ampton), R Underwood (Bedford) LEADING SCORETS: 23th S Gough (Cor-ertly, 8 free, 35 conversors, 41 penalty posts) 197: S Tupulctu (Leeds: 3, 25c, 44pg) 173: B Easson (Seater, 11, 27c, 38pg). 198: L Griffitte (Marchoto, 2, 10c, 40pg) 141: F Le Bas (Morcester: 4, 23c, 25pg). 132: M Devits (Rugby, 11, 17c, 31pg) Traiter 132: M Devits (Rugby, 11, 17c, 31pg) Traiter 13: A Currer (L Welsh), B Wade (Notherham). 12: A Laridh (Bristol) 10: O Lex (Rotterham). Bristot: Tries: Nobaro 5, Gabey, Hassan, Tarroti Come: Hull 4, Hassan, Blackheath: Tries: Clarke, Pawson, Cone: Adken, Amor. Pett: Amor HT: 26-10 Att. 2,353 Amor. Pett: Amor HI: 20-10 Attr 2.503
Coventry 19 Rugby 21
Coventry: Try: Gough. Con: Gough
Pense: Gough 4 Regby: Tries: Hopions.
Farbuck: Con: Daves: Pense: Daves 3 HT:
10-10 Att: 1,100 Jewson National Langue First division Camberley 22 Manchester 28 Cambarley: Try: Stafford. Cose: Stafford
Pens: Stafford 5 Manchester: Tries: Batt.
Gross; Hughes Cose: Swindels 2 Pens:
Swindels 2. Dropped goef: Elis. HT:
16-22. Att: 500.
Hantley 30 Wherfedde 0 Switches 2 bropped goes task 111
16-22 Att 500.
Hantley: Tries: Davies, Handrick, P.Osman, M. Verner Cones: Maudsley 2. Perms: Roke 2. HT: 13-0 Att 600
Lydney: 62 Liverpool St H 17
Lydney: Tries: Bennell 2. Smith 2. D. Edwards, Halland, Octome, Small, G.Wistms. Cones: Ostome 7. Pen: Octome Liverpool St H: Tries: Hacher 2. M. Sephion Con: Ostome 7. Pen: Octome Liverpool St H: Tries: Hacher 2. M. Sephion Con: Glynn HT: 31-7 Att 450
Morley: Tries: Navatura, Standown. Con: Barther Pense: Barnber 3. Harmogate: Tries: Catheel, Carbuit, Famer Cones: Taylor 2. Pens: Taylor HT: 6-12. Att 750.
Newbury 21 Notlinghum 30
Newbury: Tries: Howe 2. Holioway. Pens: Godham Dropped goes Grainam, Notlingham: Tries: Sportor 2. Rygrave. Cones: C. Adurson 3. Pense: C. Alterson 3. HT: 16-14 SON HT: 6-15
Rotherhanz 2B London Weight 8
Rotherhanz Tries: Dudley, Mchrhyre, Nazchos, Wade, Const. Twelfe 4 London
Weish: Try: Currer Pent: Loe. HT: 21-0
Weisefield 27 Fytde 17
Waisefield 27 Fytde 17
Waisefield: Tries: Q Edwards 2, First.
Pents: Action's 4 Pytde: Try: Exans Pents:
Peacock 2 HT: 9-8 Att. 900 Wortenaber: Triese Bester 2, Ferley, Hotord, Limett, Monts Const Lothouse 3, Le Bas: Pest: Lot Bas: Waterloot: Triese: Graham, Swetman Coart. Confishe: Pent: Lothouse 3, Le Bas: HT: 17-3, Ast: 2,600 P W D L F A Pts Bratol 20 15 0 4 630 349 32 "Wordscter 20 17 0 3 562 266 32 Rotherham 20 16 0 4 539 256 32

Other 37 S'hann/Sollhus 12 Other Tries: Gardner 3 Gefin, Hartley Cons: Clappison 3 Per: Clappison Pers Hawlers Bhann/Sollhus Tries: Smart, Wildrison Corr. M Broth HT: 15-5 Hawlers Britans/Solltoit: Tries: Smart, Willettson. Conc. M. Birch. HT. 155. Reading 7 Rosetyn Park 34 Reading: Try: Ballard. Conc. Cance Reserve Park: Tries: Justice 2. Manel 2. Farning. I Knowles: Comet I Knowles: C. Manel 2. Harvel 2. Farning. I Knowles: Comet I Knowles: C. HT: 0-17 Manchesier 23 19 0 4 677 294 38 Herilay 23 18 1 3 545 265 37 Rosslyn Park 23 15 0 8 516 333 30 Ottey 23 14 1 8 409 343 29 Notangham 23 14 0 9 513 341 28 Notangham 23 14 0 9 513 341 28 Notangham 23 14 0 9 513 441 28 Notangham 23 10 0 11 413 338 24 Newbury 21 11 11 462 412 23 Lydney 23 10 11 331 444 21 Reading 23 10 0 13 409 512 20 Cambeley 23 9 113 449 593 19 BharrySolfon 23 8 10 7 370 462 16 Monley 23 5 1 17 382 581 11 Leverpool St H 23 4 0 19 300 728 8 SECOMOD DWISSION NOWITH: Hinckley 26 Whitchurch 11, New Brighton 31 Kendal 35 Nurseatin 40 Sedgey Park 13, Presson Grasshopper: 46 Lorteid 5, Sandal 51 Aspatia 7 Stourtunger 45 Shedheid 25, Walseld SWarrengton Park 10 Leverloops Sel 63 Warrangton Park 10

Leeding positions

P W D L F A Pts

Preston G 23 20 0 3 709 303 40

Socutoridge 23 19 0 4 760 374 38

New Brighton 23 17 0 6 569 256 34

Kandai 23 16 0 7 550 307 32

Kundai 21 12 7 536 430 30

Sandai 22 12 0 10 600 478 24

Shelflaid 23 12 0 11 427 614 24

SECOMO DIVISION SOUTH: Barking 13

Bracknell 13; Bridguister 18 Namech 10

Cikhon 15 Redund 20, Esher 70 Weston-super-Make 19; Heard 25 Phymouth 12 Met
Police 39 Tabard 28, North Watchart 29

Chellenham 0

Leedings optifiers.

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Westerness 5 1 13 375 900 1997 CUP: Seasi-finalis: Advantars 13 fixes-ton 8, Dugley Kingswinlord 10 Banislapie 6 TETLEY'S BITTER VASE: Semi-finalis: Bilantory 18 Scanborough 6, Similians 22 Avon 10.

Billericay 18 Scarborough 8, Silvillians 22
Acon 10.
SOUTH WEST: Laurceston 88 Keyeshern 0;
Meson 23 Maderheed 17; Percanon-Newlyn 104 (Gaucester 08 B; Selstour) 11 Seoul
39; Torquay Athletic 6 Old Paterters 27
LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Charlinn
Park 0 Suiton and Epsom 38. Cheshurt 26
Woodford 39; Guidelord and Godelwing 22
Harriow 18; Old Colfseans 26 Basingsides
22: Harriow 18; Old Colfseans 26 Basingsides
22: Harriow 18; Old Colfseans 26 Basingsides
22: Harriow 18; Old Colfseans 26 Basingsides
27: Statines 63; Thurrock 32 Sudbury 13,
Wissborn the Park 59 Winsbedon 5
Wissborn the Park 59 Winsbedon 5
Wissborn 19; Barliers 18; Syston 22 Barton 29; Westlagh 16 Broadstres 12; Wolsenhampton 39 Barliers Butts 11
WOWITH: Brudington 16 Blaydon 28, Ooncaster 41 Hull lonians 17; Maccessfeld 10 Stocklon 7, Meddesbrugh 16 Blaydon 28, Northam 39 Broughton Park 0, Widnes 5
Tynedale 38
Weelerh 1 macresse Weish League Premier division Premier division 24 Caerphilly 27
Abservor 24 Caerphilly 27
Abservor 26 Gaiffata, R Levis, R
Mone, C Rees Conne C Rees 2 Caerphilly; Tries: Wirdle 2, Bestalion, Davey Conne
Davey 2 Part Durey HT: 0-15
Stidgend 17 Lianess 32
Bridgend 17 Lianess 32
Prinz Cut Lianest: Tries: J Deves, Madden, Proctor, D Wittens, Wydt Cone: S
Jones 2 Pers S Jones HT: 10-17
Ebbw Vale: Tries: Budger, Hawker,
Liewslyn Cone: Starge 2 Pener Strange
2, Needt: Tries: S Williams 2, Johnson Cone: M Peace 3, Pet M Peace HT: 33
Postpyridd 31 Newport 16 Postypridd 31 Newport 16 Postypridd: Tribus Margan 2, Jenkins. Cases: Jenkins 2. Penes: Jenkins 4. Newport: Tribus: Clark, Jones. Penes: Michel 2 HT: 12-6

Blackwood 17 Dunwast · Bonyman 47 Merthyr 3 Bonyman: Tries: Bastord 2, Hawkins. C Levis, Polynd, M Thomas, Young, Choice S Davies 3, Penr S Davies Pinr, G Jones Marthyr: Penr Bryant. HT: 13-3. conseque react Stylant, MT: 13-3.

Cross Keys: 13 Tondes: 19

Cross Keys: Try: Bushell: Con: Sebb.
Pennis Bebb 2 Tender Tries: P Morgan,
Punnel, Tatchell Cons: Howells 2 HT:
6-19. Humney 22 Treorchy Rammey: Tries: Atlans, Ford, Greedy, William Cost, Mason, Twenthy: Tries: Owen 2. Williams. Cost: Langmond 2. Pett Langmond MT: 7-19. S Weles Police 23 Abertillery 21 & Wales Police 23 Abertillery 21 & Wales Police: Tries: Sparow 2 Cox. Con: Cox Pens: Cox 2 Abertillery: Tries: Betts. Howard, Thoma. Cons: Wishess 3. HT: 3-7.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RIVERY LEAGUE

Golden 3.0 unless states

JBS SUPPER LEAGUE: Huddersfield v Halllac; Hulf v Bradford (3 15); St Helens v
Gainstread (5.53); Waltesleid v Salford
(3.30); Warmington v Constitiond,
NORTHERN FORD PREMICERSHIP: Balley v Bernboy; Hulf RV Doncestor; Hurstel
v Oldharm (3.30); Keighley v Wintelnaver;
Lancashire Lynx v Rochdale; Leigh v Featherstone; Swinton v Dewsbury; Widnes v Bernox; Windengton v York.

OTHER SPORT

OTHER SPORT

BASICTBALL Budwelser Laegue: Chester Jels v Edinburgh Rodes (5.30), Greater London Leopards v Aliton Reynes, Lons (at Brentwood, 4.0); London Towers v Treatnes Velley Tigers (6.0), London Towers Curp: Finalis Shetheld Seeders v Nothingham Pantheus (at Shetheld 2.0), Selsowda pley-off classification (at Shetheld 2.0), Selsowda pley-off classification (5.0), Group 8t Ayr Scotton Eagles v Cardiff Dovids (6.30), Group 8t Ayr Scotton Eagles v Cardiff Dovids (6.30), RUGBY UNION: Tendentias Velled Prepalenthise: First division: Boroughtmir v Curie (3.0), Watsconians v Haustck (3.0)

Waterchaus Tries: Charford 2: Reyburn Const Atchson 2: Pens; Allchson 4: Jed-Forest: Tries: C Brown, Retwick, Core C Richards Pens; C Richards 2: HT: 16-2 POSTPONED: UWIC v Maested

W of Scotland: 39 Stirling Co 10
West of Scotland: Tries: N Craig 2 D Caoca 2, Curls: Cone: Curls 4, Pene: Curls 2
Stirling County: Tries: Bart, Inrio. HT: 6-0.
Lending positions:
Heriot's FP 17 13 0 4 545 297 12 64
Melrose 17 12 0 5 470 290 11 59
Grasgow H 17 12 1 4 415 257 7 57
Curle 15 11 0 4 372 271 6 50
Hawick 16 9 0 7 315 386 5 41
SECOND DIVISION: Birtury: 15 Kelen 15. PW D L F A T B Pta Durwant 21 18 0 3 802 302 1921 752 Bonymane 21 15 2 4 512 259 71 13 80 Pontypool 21 16 0 5 533 342 85 8 56 Cross Keys 21 14 1 8 491 350 56 5 45 Methyr 23 13 2 8 457 452 6 5 46 SECOND DIVISIONE Abstroymon 44 Liarharan 0. Liarhasani 3 Whileand 16, Mountain Ash 27 Narberth 17, Caldede 23 Physiney 20; Terdy Utd 51 Weednern 12, Yshadig-ynlaed 116 Kentiig HB 7. Currie 15 11 0 4 372 271 6 50
Hassick 16 9 0 7 315 386 5 41
SECOND DIVISION 8 Biggar 15 Kelso 15;
Kinnamock 39 Edinburgh Acade 32; Kiricaldy 23 Dundee HSFP 27; Museeburgh 18
Gats 32 Postponed: Aberdeen GSFP v Salkirk, Third division: East Kithride 10 Ayr 3:
Gangerinouth 22 Gordomars 8; Repbiles 44
Glasgow Southern 9; Stewart's Mel FP 40
Genrothes 20.

ARB LEAGUE: First division: Buccaneers
21 Young Munster 13; Contral 15 Cork. Constitution 17; Carryowern 22 Bactorock 0;
Lansdowne 28 Bactorock 0;
Lansdowne 3; St Mary's 18 Terenure 13.
Lueding positions

P W D L F A Pis
Garryowern 10 7 0 3 207 127 14
Buccaneers 9 7 0 2 170 155 14
Lansdowne 10 7 0 3 207 127 14
Cork Coresi 9 6 0 3 216 139 12
SECOND DIVISION: Baltynshinch 12
DLSP 28; Bache Rengar 10 Greystones
13; Dolphin 23 Dungarron 31; Matore 7
Sunday 5 West 28; Old Behadders 16 Segnes 12 Pottaciowar 21 Dony 18; UCC. 12 Old
Westey 12; Wandersen 3 Old Crescent 20
SUPPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Saturday:
New South Wales 36 Waterd 20 Crescent 20
SUPPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Saturday:
New South Wales 36 Waterd 20 Crescent 20
SUPPER 12 TOURNAMENT: Saturday:
New South Wales 36 Waterd 20 20 Coestat Stakes 38
WORLD CUP CUALLETYING MATORIC Repoetness, first burst 16 cream 27 Repeated. Anglo-Weish club matches Cardill 148 Harisquine 20 Certiffit Tries: S Hill 2, G Thomas 2, R Jones, J Thomas, D Young, Comer, Laiver 3, Rayer 2, Perc, Janus, Harisequines: Tries: Lactor, Leach Connc Liley 2, Penns I Bay 2, Hill: 12-13 HT: 12-13
Mewcastle 43 Swannen 25
Mewcastle Tries: Naylor 2, Tugamata 2
Cartmal, Legg, Underwood: Coast Legg 4.
Swanner: Fries: Book, Motes, persaly by.
Const. L Davies 2 Panes: L Davies 2 HT: 21-6 Tennent's Velvet Premiership First division First Christian
Hawtelt Try: Suddon Coze Munde, Cunrier Triese Tromson 2, Bartell, Clerk Cone;
Barrell 3, Peas; Bassell 3, HT; 7-8
Heriof's FP: Tries: Walker 2, G Dall, Keenan, J Taylor Come; Ross 4, Pens; Roos 3,
Boroughaule: Try: Couper Core: C
Howarth Penss Calvin Howarth 2, HT; 29-6,
Alt: 1,120
Metrose 32 Changer H 15 Air: 1.120
Meirose 32 Glengow H 15
Meirose: Thise: K Brown, Clark, Griffiths,
Purvs: Const. McGarva 3 Pener McGarva
2 Glengow Hawite: Thise: Hawies: 2
Cont. E Martin, Pent. E Martin, MT: 24-3.
Wistocolana 31 Jed-Forest 18 al Starics 36
WORLD CUP QUALIFYING MATCH: Repectage, first teg: Unuguy 46 Portugal 9 (in Montevidac); Neithertande 31 South Korea 30 (in Amsterdam)
FRENCH CHAMPHONISHIP: Pool one: Bourgoin 24 Apps 12 Toutquee 48 Staritz 16 Pool and Nationne 12 Colomiers 14; Pau 28 Stade Français 23 Pool three 59-Que-Bouteaus 27 Perpignan 25; Dax 33 Castres 16. Pool four Touton 22 Montersand 37; Bree 42 Grenoble 27.

ATHLETICS. Same Same ham) 1.80; 3, K Roger (Strathclycle) 1.85. Pole vetell: 1, B Ridgley (Loughtorough) 3.40; 3; K. Dowsett (London) 3.30; Long harne; 1, D Hardson (Birmingham) 5.54m; 2, G O'Ne. honey (Loughborough) 5.41; 3, M Devin (U. stei) 5.40; 4, 20m; relay; 1, Loughborough 5.40; 2, Birmingham 144.26; 3, St Mary's 1:47.35. Teasure: 1, Birmingham 30; 2, Loughborough 28; 3, St Mary's 13; 4, Welverhampton 10.

Borre College

A Special Control of the Control of

😝 Trade associat

cross-exam

1 12m FT

4.1 ...

Costs r

ಿ ಭಾಷ್ಟ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ

1000

4 ...T

100 120

The Sec

Scots Law Report Applying boun and daming the second of the s

71 A

1408 251

Mandy (1177)

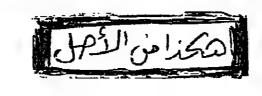
gas foul off

Section :

The state of the s

Section 1

State of the state



House of Lords

Cross-examination without evidence

Regina v Bingham Regina v Cooke

Before Lord Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Steyn, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Hobbouse of Woodhorough and Lord Millett |Speeches March III

A defendant who had been called by the court to give evidence and sworn, but asked no questions by his own counsel, was liable to cross-examination by the prosecu-tion and had not failed to give evidence under the Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order (SI 1988 No 1987 (NI 20)).

The House of Lords dismissed appeals by Graham Carlo Bing-ham and Samuel David Cooke from the Court of Appeal in Northern Ireland (Lord Justice MacDer most and Mr Justice Campbell) who on April 25, 1977 had dis missed their appeals against their convictions of murder by Mr Justice Higgins sitting without a jury at Beliast Crown Court on Decem ber 20, 1994.

Article 4 of the 1988 Order provides: "(2) Before any evidence is called for the defence, the court - (a) shall tell the accused that he will be called upon by the court to give evidence in his own defence.

"(3) If the accused - (a) after being called upon by the court to give evidence in pursuance of this article ... refuses to be sworn; or (b) having been sworn, without good cause refuses to answer any quetion, paragraph (4) applies. "(4) The court or jury, in deter-

mining whether the accused is guilty of the offence charged, may -(a) draw such interences from the refusal as appear proper..." Mr Charles Adair, QC and Mr

Jim Allister, both of the Northern

Chocosuisse Union des Fabri-

cants Suisses de Chocolat

Before Lord Bingham of Cornhill.

Lord Chief Justice, Lord Justice Brooke and Lord Justice Chadwick

A trade association for Swiss-

based chocolate manufacturers.

shose members included the ma-

iority of such manufacturers, and

nomination of the origin "Swiss"

but did not itself sell any chocolate.

had no individual locus standi to

sue in a passing off action against

Swiss chocolate in the United King-

dom since no legitimate business

the association was entitled to have

15. rule (2(1) of the Rules of the Su-

preme Court, a plaintiff could only

sue in a representative capacity

where it had the same interest as

those it someht to represent, the as-

in a representative capacity on be-

The Court of Anneal so held

when dismissing an appeal by the

defendant. Cadbury Lid. from Mr.

Justice Laddie (The Times Novem-

ber 25, 1997; J1998] RPC 117), who. in an action brought by the plain tiffs. Chocosuisse Union des Fahri-

cants Suisses de Chocolat, Kraft Jacobs Suchard (Schweiz) AG and

dom, had in granted injunctive re-

hel restraining Cadbury from pass-

ing off chocolate, not being Swiss

chocolate, by use of the name

Swiss Chalef and ful ordered an in-

quiry as to damages, varied by the

Court of Appeal limiting it to Su-clarid and Lindt

heordingly since, under Order

interest could be identified which

Budement February 25i

and Others v Cadbury Ltd

F. Larkin, both of the Northern Ireland Bar, for Cooke: Mr R. Appleton, QC, Mr G, Kerr, QC and Mr R. K. Weir, all of the Northern Ireland Bar, for the Crown.

LORD LLOYD said that the appellants had been convicted of the murder of Ann Marie Smyth, a young Catholic woman from Armagh, on February 23, 1994 in Cooke's house in Belfast, The motive had been sectorian.

The judge had been satisfied on the prosecution evidence that both lants were guilty of murder. So he had had no need to draw any adverse inference under article 4 and had not done so. But he had held that he would have done so if necessary. The Court of Appeal had agreed with him.

Counsel for the appellants could not, as they had conceded, argue that the judge had been wrong to rely on an adverse inference, for the simple reason that he had not done so, Instead, they submitted that the appellants had not had a

The only basis for that submission was that the appellants had been denied the opportunity of being cross-examined by the prosecution. Such an argument had an air

of unreality.

At the end of the prosecution had informed the judge that he would not be calling his client. The judge had called the appellant to sworn and to give evidence in his own defence. The appellant had entered the witness box and been

Coursel had then submitted that the appellant was now the court's witness and that, while at the court could be examined and cross-examined with the leave of

main grounds of Cadhury's appeal

on passing off, said, on the ques-

tion of locus standi, that the ability

of Suchard and Lindt to sue in a

representative capacity was not in

With record to Chocosuises, it

the court, there was no express power to allow examination and cross-examination in the case of a witness called by the court under article 4 and such a power should not be inferred.

The judge had ruled that a defendant called on to give evidence under article 4 did not become the witness of the court and that a d fendant who had been sworn in those circumstances and who was not then asked any question by his own counsel could not be cross-examined by the prosecution. Counsel had then said that he had no questions for the appellant.

Counsel had not gone so far as to suggest that the appellants had had a legal right to be cross-examined, but they had argued (i) that an inference could have been drawn against the appellants without their having refused to answer any questions in cross-examination and (ii) that they had been denied the opportunity of refuting the allegations against them in cross-

Since the judge had been saris-fied beyond reasonable doubt of the appellants' guilt without the need to draw any inference, the question whether he had been entitled to do so did not arise.

As to (ii), putting on one side the fact that counsel had initially argued that the prosecution had no right to cross-examine, the remedy

If they had wanted the opportunity of refuting the allegations against them in cross-coamination, all they had had to do was to gree evidence in chief. Thus the submission that they had not had a fair trial was utterly without merit.

The Court of Appeal had justly

Trade association cannot sue over passing-off

gem to evade the provisions of article 4. His Lordship could well un-derstand why the judge had refused to permit cross-examination and why the Court of Appeal had upheld his ruling. No doubt they had been leaning over backwards to be fair to the appellants, but they

had been wrong. Once the appellants had entered the witness box and been sworn, al-beit in the belief that they had been called by the court and not by the defence, they had exposed them-selves to cross-examination by the prosecution and their co-accused like any other witness who was tendered for cross-examination.

LORD HOPE, agreeing, said that article 4 had been amended by paragraph 61(3) of Schedule 10 to the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, applicable to England and Wales, so as to be in the same terms in all essential respects as section 35 of that Act. Those amendments had, however, not been in force at the date of trial. There had been no risk of the ap-

pellants being faulted on the condi-tion in article 4(3)(b) of the 1988 Order of refusal to answer questions so long as the matter as to whether they should be questioned had been in the hands of their own

sel had made had been that, so long as they did not put any questions to the appellants, the appelinto so the appelants, the appelants could not be questioned by an-yone else except the judge, whose scope for putting questions would be so restricted by the rules of fairness that it could be assumed that

none would be put.
If that assumption was right, it could not be said that the appellants had failed to answer any question that was put to them and there would be no basis for drawing any

Lord Justice Nourse had said (at

p367): "The defendants had accepted that the consortium was a body

corporate duly established under the law of italy and the judge held

that it was entitled, under the Eng-lish rules of conflict, to sue on its

own behalf. That entitlement is not

His Lordship preferred the Vice-

inferences. The judge had plainly been doing his best to find a sensible answer to what might well have been thought to be an abuse of the procedure in article 4, but he had been wrong on both points.

In the first place, it could not be said that the appellants had failed to give evidence until they had been given the opportunity to answer any questions that might be out to them.

In the second place, there was no rule that prevented a witness who had been sworn but not asked any questions by counsel for the party on whose behalf he had en-tered the witness box from being parties to the trial who could demonstrate a legitimate interest in do-Support for those propositions

could be found in R v Paul (1920) 2 KB 183, 185) and Dickson, A Treatise on the Law of Evidence in Scot land (3rd edition (1887) paragraph to the passage in Dickson contin-dudy to the passage in Dickson contin-tion of the trial judge in Milne had never been questioned, and the passage in Dickson contin-

these matters were handled in practice in the Scottish courts,
Although Milne came from another jurisdiction, it lent further support to the view that, once the

J. Rice & Co. Newtownards; Direc-

tor of Public Prosecutions for Northern Ireland.

tion but that would be to base the action on the combined causes of

action of its members. Such an ac-

tion would not be based on a cause

of action vested in the association it-

His Lordship agreed with the

sentiment the Vice-Chancellor had

expressed that it would be conven-lent if a trade association were per-

mitted to sue in a representative ca-pacity on behalf of its members.

However, it was impossible to reach the conclusion that that was

permitted on the language of Or-der 15, rule 12(1) where, as would

appellants had been sworn, Crown counsel had been entitled to crossexamine them despite the fact that no questions had been put to them by their own counsel

Lord Steyn, Lord Hobbouse and Lord Millett agreed with Lord Lloyd and Lord Hope. wood for the Home Secretary. Solicitors: Donnelly & Wall, Belfast; B. M. Birnberg & Co for John

the United Kingdom from Jamaica nearly 40 years ago they left be-hind Mrs J's daughter who subse-quently married and had a daughter B, now nearly 18. in April 1995 B, then 14, came

with her mother to visit her grandparents in Leeds and they were given leave to enter the UK for six months. At the end of that period her mother returned home but B remained with her grandparents who applied for an extension of her

B had been put into school in Leeds. Her mother and grandpar-ents wanted her to finish her education there and she was thought to have good prospects of going to university. The Home Office refused the application for an extension. while B's lather had dled and her mother was living in de-prived circumstances in Jamaica.

A law centre advised Mr and Mrs J. who were British citizens. that the only way B could become entitled to stay in the UK was for them to adopt her as their own

She would then become a British citizen by virtue of section 1(5) of the British Nationality Act 1981 and by virtue of section 2(1)(a) of the Immigration Act 1971 would have right of abode in the UK. The Home Secretary intervened

Benefit of adoption to child

In re B (A minor) (Adoption order: Nationality) Before Lord Nicholls of Birken-

head, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Hutton and Lord Millert (Speeches March 11)

On an application for an adoption order the first consideration for the court was the benefit which would accrue to the child throughout its childhood, including, in the case of a non-British child, the benefits to the child throughout its childhood from the acquisition of British nationality and right of abode in the United Kingdom.

However, the court would be entitled to refuse the order if there were no such benefits and adoption was being used solely as a means of conferring citizenship prospectively upon an adult.

The House of Lords so held when allowing an appeal by grand-parents against a decision of the Court of Appeal (Sir Stephen Brown, President, Lord Justice Morritt and Sir Patrick Russell) (The Times March 16, 1998) allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for the Home Department from a decision of Mr Justice Sumner on November 6, 1997 whereby he made an adoption order pursuant to section 6 of the Adoption Act 1976 in respect of B, a minor, in fayour of her grandparents.

Mr Michael Harrison, QC and Mr David Jones for B and her grandparents: Mr Ashley Under-

LORD HOFFMANN said that hen Mr and Mrs J emigrated to

to oppose Mr and Mrs J's applica-

tion for an adoption order. As grandparents, Mr and Mrs J were qualified to adopt B

By section II of the Adoption Act 1976, a relative, defined in section 72(1) to include a grandparent, was entitled to make arrangements for the adoption of a child without the intervention of an adoption agen-

B's mother gave her consent so the condition of parental agree ment in section to was satisfied. Nevertheless the adoption had some unsual features.

B had only two years of minority left. And although there were obvi-ous benefits to her from being able in spend those two important years living with her grandparents and going to school in Leeds, it would not ordinarily be necessary for her to be adopted.

Were it not for her precarious immigration status, she could simply have stayed with her grandpar-ents. But the acquisition of British citizenship by adoption was an es-sential element in securing her the advantage of living with her grand-parents and continuing at her

In deciding whether to make an adoption order the judge was re-quired to exercise his discretion in accordance with section 6 of the 1976 Act to "have regard to all the circumstances, first consideration being given to the need to safe guard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his child-

The judge made the adoption but the Court of Appeal discharged

The proposition advanced for the Home Secretary, and accepted by the Court of Appeal, was: "The court should ignore benefits which in immigration status when detercalls for adoption."
In his Lordship's opinion that

was contrary to the express terms of section 6 of the 1976 Act and not supported by authority. His Lordship could not see how, consistently with the language of section 6. the court could not simply have ig-nored the considerable benefits which would have accrued to B during the remainder of her childhood. That the order would enable her to enjoy those benefits was a fact which the court had to take

into account. No doubt the views of the Home Office on immigration policy were also a view which the court was entitled to take into account although it was not easy to see what weight they could be given.

Parliament had not provided, as It might have done, that the adoption of a non-British child required the Home Secretary's consent. On the contrary, it had provided that the making of an adoption order automatically took the child out of the reach of the Home Secretary's powers of immigration control.

If it appeared to the judge that

adoption would confer real bene-

fits upon the child, it was very onlikely that general considerations of maintaining an effective and consistent immigration policy could justify the refusal of an order

The cases relied upon by the Home Secretary did not go rearly far enough to support the exclusion-ary rule advanced, but they justfied two more modest propositions. First, the purpose of an adoption was to give purental responsibility for a child to the adopters or that the court would not make an adoption order when the adopters did not intend to exercise any parental responsibility but merely wished to assist the child to acquire a right of abode; an "accommodation adop-tion" as described in In re A (An in-

fant) ([1963] 1 WLR 231, 236). pana (1905) I WER 231, 250).

Second, the court would carely make an adoption order when it would confer no benefits upon the child during its childhood but give it a right of abode for the rest of its life.

In such a case there were no welfare benefits during childhood to constitute the first consideration. and the court was in effect being asked to use adoption to confer citizenship prospectively upon an

That was a power which l'arlia-ment had entrusted to the Home Secretary and the courts were reluc-tant to trespass upon the area of

his authority.

A striking case in that category was in re K (A minor) (Adoption or-der: Nationality) [[1995] Fam 30]. where the application for adoption came before the judge eight days before the child's eighteenth birth-

If a right of abode would be of benefit only when the child became an adult, that benefit would ordinarily have to give way to the public policy of not usurping the Home

Secretary's discretion. It was a curious feature of this case that if the Home Office had been willing to allow B to remain in this country for the two years during which a residence order was in force, the case for an adoption would have been much weaker. It would not have given B any benefits during her childhood which she would not have been able to enjoy anyway.

But on the evidence before the judge the adoption order conferred substantial welfare benefits upon B during the remainder of her childhood and to those the judge rightly gave first consideration. Lord Nicholls, Lord Hope, Lord

Hutton and Lord Millett agreed. Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Chivers Walsh Smith and In ine & Co. Bradford; Treasury Solicitor.

■ Law Reports are also published in the Internet edition. contemporaneously with the published newspaper. on http://www.the-times.co.uk (free registration). Back issues may be reached from the front page of the day.

THE TIMES

and in the Court of Appeal that the trade association did have locus diction or that it had suffered or

the fourth defendant. Subhash

Singh, to pay costs incurred by the

plaintiff, Microsoft Corporation, in

omminal proceedings for con-

ternot of court by those defendants

payment by the third defendant of

custs incurred while his legal aid

certificate was in force until his lia-

bility should have been deter-

mined by the court pursuant to see-

Microsofi: Mr Alastair Wilson, QC, for Mr Tuppen: Mr Richard

Mr Alistair McGregor, QC for

fit: ordering postponement of

on an indemnity basis and

Chocoladefabriken landt und Sprangh (Schweiz) AG, sumg on Microsoft Corporation v behalf of themselves and all other Backslash Distribution Ltd persons who manimadured choose and Others such chocolate to the United Kines.

Before Mr Justice Park Judgment February III The making by the Lord Chancelfor of regulations 103 ("Legal aid granted after costs incurred') and 124 f'Assisted person's liability for costs 3 of the Civil Legal Aid (Cienerali Regulations (SI 1980 No 330) was authorised by section 34/5 of the Legal Aid Act 1988

nt ordering each of the third de-

Scots Law Report March 15 1999 Outer House

Applying boundary criteria correctly

Mr Michael Bloch, QC, for Cadbury Mr Sunon Thorley, QC and Mr Cohn Buss for the plaintiffs Mr Justice Park so held in the Chancery Division, when TORD JUSTICE CHADWICK. lendant, Ian Richard Tuppen, and having considered and rejected the

was not suggested that it was itself selling any chocolate at all but it was accepted before the judge that

it could bring proceedings on its own behalf in passing off to preship which might be caused if the designation Swiss chocolate became unprotectable in England: but that it could not sue in a representative capacity. That was said to follow from Consorzio del Prosciutto di Parma v Marks & Spencer plc ([1991] RPC 351). The plaintiffs challenged that

finding and Cadbury challenged the judge's finding that Chocosuisse had standing to sue on its own behalf so as to prevent the reduc-tion of its membership.

The grounds of Cadbury's con-

tention were that Chocosuisse neither alleged nor adduced any evidence, or any sufficient evidence, to in the jurisdiction of the English court or that it had any actual or ponumber of any actual or potential

By Order 15, rule (2(1) a representative plaintiff was required to have the same interest in the proceedings as the person he purported to represent. There were accordingly two questions:

1 Did the plaintiff have any interest

entitling him to bring proceedings? 2 If so, was it the same interest as of those he sought to represent? In Scotch Whisky Association v D. Vintners Ltd (unreported,

March 6, 1996), an action was brought by the Whisky Association and two individual plaintiffs carry-ing on business as distillers. It was accepted, and recorded by Sir Richard Scott, Vice-Chancellor, in his judgment as rightly accepted, that the trade association did not have a cause of action in passing off in its

own right.

The Vice-Chancellor could not see on what basis a trade association could maintain a passing off action based on conduct which constituted a passing off by the defend-ant of its products for those of the In Parma, however, it had been accepted before Mr Justice Morrist

Chancelor's reasoning and was unable to identify any legitimate business interest which the trade association Chocosuisse was entitled to have protected in a passing off action against a trader seeking to sell goods in the United Kingdom in a way that suggested that they were Swiss chocolate. If there was no individual right,

Order 15, rule 12(1) was of no assist-Even if there was an individual right, plainly it was not the same right as that of the Swiss chocolate manufacturers whom Chocosuisse sought to represent. That was the view taken by Mr Justice Morritt in Parma and affirmed by the Court of Appeal.

His Lordship referred to the opview taken on that point by the Vice-Chancellor in the Scotch Whisky case: "The trade association, if it sues in a representative capacity.

stage in the proceedings so speci-

fied: or (b) to a gross sum ... in lieu

of those costs", the court could not

order payment to a successful par-

ty of a gross sum in lieu of part

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines;

Payne Marsh Stillwell, Southamp-

only of such taxed costs.

ation elther had no interest capable of founding a cause of action or had an interest which was not the same as that of its members. Chocosuisse, accordingly, had no locus to sue in the present pro-ceedings whether in its own right

concurring judgment and the Lord Chief Justice agreed with both. Solicitors: Willoughby & Part-FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITION

Lord Justice Brooke delivered a

Costs regulations validly made

MR JUSTICE PARK said that although Order 62, rule 7(4) of the Rules of the Supreme Court provid-TOKENS FOR YOUR SCHOOL ed that "in awarding costs to any person the court may order that, instead of his taxed costs, that person shall be entitled - (a) to a proportion ... of those costs from or up to a



he Times, with Virgin Radio, is giving three schools the chance to each win a prize of 100,000 Books for Schools tokens. These tokens

between 6.30am-9.30am. Each day schools which have entered will be chosen at random to take part in this

great Books for Schools competition. Make sure your Books for Schools representative fills in the form. below, and your school could be featured live on the Chris Evans Breakfast Show on Virgin Radio next week. Postal entries need to arrive by first post on Friday, March 19, 1999, and should be sent to:

PO Box 5075, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GF.

 Or fax it to: 08701 267 571 (national daytime rate) Or send the information requested on the entry form via e-mail to: booksforschools@the-times.co.uk



NATIONWIDE

105-8FM

LONDON

THESTIMES VIRGIN RADIO BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS COMPETITON FORM Rost this completed entry form to: The Times Books for Schools/Virsin RadioCompetition, PO Box 5075, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GF. Or fault to. 02701 267 571 (national dayone rate, it must arrive by first post on Friday, March 19, 1999. Normal Virgin Radio competition rules apply

Books for Schools reference number

Our Books for School representative is

. المراجعة ال

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scutland Orkney Islands Council v (hadgment Unuary 14)

Same Before Ford MacLean

Where local government boundary arministra were entrante out a standers review of electoral ar tancements, the primary criterion to be applied was what was to their opmon destrable in the interests of effective and convenient local 2003 erument, in the sense of serviceable and suitable focal government.

Shetland Islands Council s

The commession could be taken to have applied the criterion correctival, notwithstanding a failure to refer thereto in their reports to the Secretary of State for Scotland. from an examination of the substance of the reports, supported in their working payers, it could be seen that mey were addressing the central que non directly

Lord MacLean so held in the Outer House of the Court of Secsion when dismissing petitions by Shedand, and Orlanes, Islands Councils for judicial review of recommendations made by the Local Concernment Boundary Commisspon for Scotland

Mr Manheu Clarke QC and Mr. Limes Wolfle for the permoners, Mr James Drummond Young, OC and Mr Robert McCreadic for the respondents.

LORD MacLLAN said that the commission had carried out a statutory review of electoral arrangements in terms of section the? of, and Schedule 5 to the Local Cavernment (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended by the Local Government (Sextland) Act 1994

The commission had set out in their reports to the secretary of state how they went about the fidfilment of their obligations in rela-tion to activity be petitioners. However, it was instruence to look at the documentary product no where necessary, and not simply to the lext of the reports as the pettioners had aread

The statutory duties which the commission were required to perform had been dealt with in City of Vienleen Council's Louis Conem-ment Boundary Commission for Scotland (Pels SLI of 5)

The commission, when carrying out a review, mucht make proposals to the secretary of state for effectme changes which appeared to them desirable in the interests of elbefore and a miencar local covernment and they mucht make those changes in any or a number of was which were enumerated in section 13 of the 1973 Act

It was clear from that section that the commission might decide that no changes need be made It was also clear that if the commission did make proposals for changes they had discretion in determining what was in the interests of effedive and convenient bettie very-Mach of the debate in the

present case said termed on senatwas meant by the work reflective and convenient local coverages? According to the peutlemers, tocai government was effective if it worked well in the delivery of servies and the performing of fanctions conferred by statute, it was convenient in delivered those services and performed those functions without undue trauble and effort. the respondents maintained

that the parase means serviceable

and suitable local government. The central question was whether the commission gave full effect to it this nels on their review. If the commission wished to

make proposals for effecting changes by way of electoral arrangements, their primary task was to consider what was desirable in the interests of efficance and convensent focal government in terms of the overall number of councillors in relation to a local government ward, the number and boundaries of the electoral wards, etc and the designation of any electoral ward. The correct application of the statistics, provisions in a case

where the commission wished to make proposals for effecting changes was well understood. The com-mission had first to decide on the appropriate number of quincillors required for effective and convenient beid government. Then it was their duty to comply so far as was massingly practicable with the rules set out in Schedule o to the 1973 Act and secure, as nearly as negative electronal consideratives en Finfield London Borough v Local Government Boundary

for England (1979] 3 All ER 747.1 The so-called purpy rule might yield to special geographical con-siderations. If it did, then it might be that, in the interests of effective and convenient local government. the proposed number of councillors and electoral wards would

have to be increased. His Lordship considered that in sering a ratio of councillors to electors for the Islands Councils at 1:750 the commission had taken accaunt of the special geographical and demographic features of those local government areas in proposing a particular number of councillors for each area. They had gone on to consider in considerable de-tail the question of local ties and special geographical considera-It was believely correct to say

that, having set provisional figures for the number of councillors and electoral wards, they had not been persuaded to change their minds. But his Lordship was wholly unable to say that they had their minds closed to the possibility that those numbers might be changed. The difficulty throughout had been the failure by the commission

in the reports to set out the statuto-ry enterion for their making pro-

posals for changes which was:

What in their opinion was desirahle in the interests of effective and convenient local government. They had been clearly advised of that in the Aberdeen case where Lord Penrose referred to the sole question the commission were recurred to ask: What was the number of councillors required for the effective and convernent administration of local government in the local authority areas under re-

vided substantial material for the petitioners to exploit. The commission had been concerned with electoral equality but not to the exclusion of the particular features of the local governmeni areas.

view? That they had not, had pro-

In the end, his Lordship had reached the conclusion that the point taken about the terms of the pression, not an omission to consid er the appropriate statutory criteri-

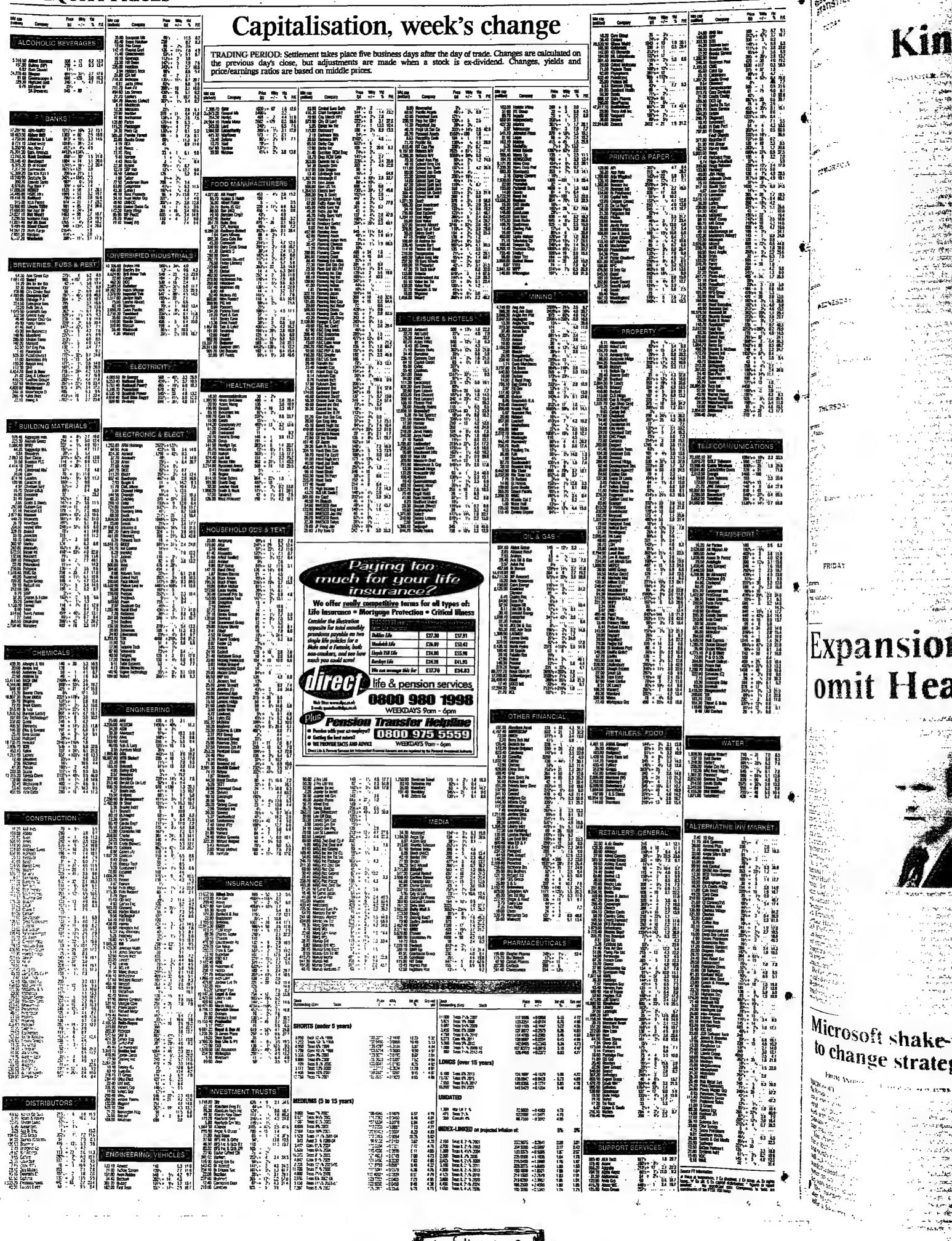
Law agents: Simpson & Mar-

wick, WS, Solicitor to the Secretary

of State for Scoland.

up to 1,000 books. (That's almost a library full.)

could provide each of the three winning schools with Registered schools can enter today and all this week. Next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday your school could be featured on the Chris Evans Breakfast Show



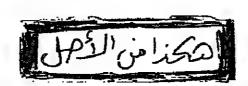
tiri.

The second secon

 $\mathbf{v}_{1,1,\mathbf{g}_{1,\mathbf{q}_{1},\mathbf{q}_{2},\ldots,\mathbf{q}_{1},1}^{(n)},\ldots,\mathbf{q}_{1},1}$

The state of the s

Microsoft shake-to change strate



RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interiors: Benchmark Group, Ennstone, Jourdan, Superscape VR. Finals; ASW Holdings, Bovis Homes, Burford Holdings, Ennstone, Eurotunnel, Fairey Group, Glambia. HSBC China Fund, Infobank International Holdings, Laporte, Linden, National Building Materials, NSB Retail Systems, Ruberoid, Sharpe & Fisher, Spirax-Sarco Engineering, Ugland International Holdings, Wellington holdings. Economic statistics: none

TOMORROW

luterims: Cortecs, Dorling Kindersley, Wolseley. **Finals:** Bodycote International, Brammer, Capital Corporation, Charter, Coca-Cola Beverages, Com-putacenter, Derwent Valley Holdings, Energis, Financial Objects James Finlay, Headlam Group, Metalrax Group, Newey Group, Novartis, Secure Trust Banking Group, Simon Group, Tarmac, Tudor, Telewest Communications, Arthur Wood & Son, Economic statistics: February public sector

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Regent Inns, Sirdar, Smiths Industries. Finals: Birm-Ingham Midshires, Brixton Estate, Clydeport, Devro, DCS Group, Gibbs & Dandy, Hepworth, Intercare Group, Kier Group, Kingfisher, Oriflame, Xaar, Economic statistics: minutes of Bank of England Monetary Policy Commit-tee's March meeting, February iabour market report.

THURSDAY

Choco:nterime Town Centre Securicants les. Finals: British Borneo O&G, and OBritish Mohair, Churchill China, Before Cobham, Dialog Corp, Dunedin Lord (inc Growth Investment Trust, Brooki Geest, Hanover International, Judgn Kwik-Fit Holdings, John Leing, Al-A ir fred McAlpine, MDIS, Mithras Inbaser vestment, William Montson, Nawhos tional Express, Oxford Molecular, Jority FW Thorpe. Economic statistics: February retail sales, February provisional M4 and M4 lending, British Bankers' Association Febsue ir. ruary bank lending, Building Socia mad eties Association February build-Swiss ing society lending, February final dom s MO, February car output.

FRIDAY

15. ruk Interims: none scheduled. preme Finals: none scheduled. Econthe ir omic statistics: UK NTC February consumer industries leading indicator.



Kingfisher soars ahead of rivals

KINGFISHER: The final results due out on Wednesday will be published simultaneously in London and Paris for the first time, marking the group's growing status as a pan-European retailer. Profits should show a healthy

increase with the market looking for between £555 million and £565 million at the pre-tax level com-pared with £505.5 million last time. Earnings should be up from

27.7p to between 28.5p and 29p. The upbeat trading statement in January means that the results are unlikely to contain any nasty shocks. Despite the tough trading backdrop for retailers, Kingfisher experienced a reasonable performance over Christmas. Brokers say they are looking for a 5 per cent rise in like-for-like sales, an achievement that many retailers would have liked to emulate.

A strong performance is expected from Darty, its French divi-sion, with Woolworths and B&Q also performing strongly. The only setback to sales growth is likely to come from Comet. The payout should grow Ip to 12.5p.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES: Brokers are looking for interim pretax profits of between £97 million and £100 million when the engineering and aerospace group announces interim results on Wednesday. That would compare with £89.3 million for the corresponding period last year.

Aerospuce now accounts for more than half of operating profits, but brokers say the group is considering refocusing its strate-gy, which would result in a large acquisition in aerospace and the sale of its industrial division to leave it focused on its aerospace and medical activities.

They say that it has already run a slide rule over LucasVarity's aerospace unit with a price tag of about £750 million and parts of British Aerospace's newly acquired Marconi defence division.

Smiths's industrial operations are reckoned to be worth about £700 million. The group has already admitted that is actively looking at a number of "sizeable deals" and has targeted potential candidates in North America.

Brokers will be looking for a strong sales performance in aerospace which should boost operating profits by about 30 per cent. A strong defence order book, and incremental sales to Airbus. should also have offset any im-



Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy is expected to deliver a strong set of final results at Kingfisher

pact from the decline in Boeing production rates.

On the medical side, operating profits are expected to be flat and there will be little contribution from newly acquired BCI. Industrial may see signs of a slowdown in European markets, although the North American market is expected to have remained buoyant.

The engineering team at SG Securities has pencilled in pretax profits of £98 million. The payout should be about 7.4p compared with 6.75p last time.

TELEWEST: Final results tomorrow will doubtless provide further heavy losses for the blue chip cable provider. The deficit at the pre-tax level is expected to be in a range of £290 million to £325 million compared with £310 million a year earlier. Turnover, on the other hand, is set to rise more than 40 per cent to between £540 million and £560 million compared with £387 million a year earlier. Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation are forecast to almost treble to between £140 million and £150

million from £53 million. The results will include a fourmonth contribution from General Cable and Birmingham Cable acquired in the second half of last year. Attention will focus on the crucial measures of penetration and churn for Telewest's television and telephony services.

The group's fourth-quarter operating statistics released in February showed cable television pen-

etration up 1.9 percentage points to 23.8 per cent at the 1998 year end and residential telephony penetration up 1.7 points to 30.5 per cent across the combined Tele-west/General Cable franchises.

The crucial issue for the industry is the launch of digital cable services which is expected in the last quarter of the year. Digital cable is seen by supporters of the cable sector as the key development that will allow the industry to leverage the high bandwidth available over its networks.

EUROTUNNEL: A first-time profit is forecast when final results are announced today. BT Alex Brown, the broker, is looking for a one-off surplus of £60 million at the pre-tax level com-

pared with a corresponding loss of £611 million. But BTAB empha-sises that this is the result of a one-off add-back of £270 million interest accrued during the restructuring. The group is expected to plunge back into the red during 1999 and beyond.

Volumes were helped in 1998 by the recovery in business after the Charmel Tunnel fire, which restricted business the previous year. It was also helped by strong underlying demand and the fallout from the merger of rivals P&O and Stena.

LAPORTE: The chemical group's shares have been driven higher ahead of today's final results by speculative buying. The figures themselves are unlikely to impress, but the group continues to be tipped as a takeover target after a period of consolidation within the chemical sector.

Goldman Sachs is forecasting pre-tax profits virtually unchanged at £132 million with earnings per share declining from 49.5p to 48.7p. Despite the acquisition of Inspec in August, Laporte will have found the going difficult. A trading update in December indicated that continuing business during the second ilf was comparable with 1997. Sales volumes had continued to grow and margins had been maintained despite the poor per-formance of the electronics division. Speciality organics will have enjoyed a reasonable performance along with formulated products. But pigments and additives will have been flat.

The payout should be up from 25.75p to 26.45p.

CHARTER: A downturn in profits and a maintained dividend is about the best that shareholders can expect when the group unveils final results tomorrow. Pretax profits are likely to come in at £82.5 million, down from £94.1 million last time, with earnings

per share down from 61p to 55p. Last year was a tough one for manufacturers and 1999 shows further signs of deterioration with margins coming under pressure. Both welding and specialist engineering will have experienced a further decline. Brokers are worried that profits from the welding division could be sharply lower be cause of the scale of operational gearing in the industry. The payout should be held at 31.5p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Key time for rates

IT IS a make-or-break week as far as the im mediate outlook for UK interest rates is collcerned with a raft of important economic data due to be published plus the minutes of the last Monetary Policy Committee meeting.
On Wednesday the labour market data

will provide a second look at the newly restored average earnings data, with analysis hoping for a rapid decline in the pace of wage growth. The December rolling average is expected to show wage growth at 4.3 per cent compared with 4.5 per cent in November. The predicted rise in unemployment has not yet arrived, but the City expects the downward momentum to have finally ended with the claimant count measure of unemploy-ment remaining unchanged in February.

The retail sales data on Thursday will provide evidence of whether the slight improvement in sales has continued into February. Early evidence has suggested that, while sales were slow in February, they were not a disaster. Analysts expect a 0.5 per cent decline in the monthly measure of sales volumes but the annual rate will climb from 1.2 per cent to 1.6 per cent as the overall performance comes in ahead of the same month last year.

On Tuesday the February public sector net cash requirement figures are published. Although the Treasury marginally upgraded its forecast of a full-year surplus to £5.3 billion. analysts still believe that Gordon Brown may have been a little too conservative in his calculations. End-of-year departmental spending binges make the exact figure difficult to predict but the City expects a surplus of about £2.5 billion ahead of £2.25 billion in the same month last year. On Wednesday the Debt Management Office is due to publish its cstimates of funding requirements. It has indicated that it will sell about £17.3 billion worth of gilts, although net new sales are expected to total about £2.5 billion, which analysts regard as a comfortable level.

In the US the main focus will be the consumer prices data on Thursday and the industrial production figures on Tuesday as analysts assess whether a rate rise remains a real possibility. Industrial production is forecast to rise a respectable 0.3 per cent compared with a flat figure the previous month. The annual rate of consumer price inflation is expected to rise marginally to 1.7 per cent.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy BTR Siebe, West 175, Kingfisher. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Inn Busi-

ness, Saatchi & Saatchi, Benchmark Group, Saltire. Sunday Express: Buy Polypipe, Geest.

WSP, Granada. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Abbey National, Corporate Services, Fibernet. Waterhall Group.

Expansion plans omit Heathrow

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is ready to surrender Heathrow's status as the world's busiest international airport in favour of expanding airports elsewhere. With Frankfurt airport forecast to take over the top posi-tion, held by Heathrow for more than 20 years, ministers (are preparing a marked change of strategy to reduce dependence on Britain's premier airport. Aviation officials have been instructed to abandon the "chase the supremacy" strate-

gy to prepare plans for expand-

ing other airports near London

and throughout Britain. As a result, officials have been told to make no assumption that Heathrow will win approval for Terminal Five. which would increase the airport's capacity from 60 million passengers to more than 80 mil-lion. Frankfurt is expected to overtake Heathrow by about 2005. The German airport will then become the world's big-gest international airport, although trailing behind several US airports which have heavy domestic traffic.

The Government's attempts to scale down future growth at Heathrow comes at a critical time for the airport. A decision on whether to build a new ter-



Reid: wants better rail links

minal will not be made for at least two years, after the completion on Wednesday of Britain's longest public inquiry. which has lasted almost four years. By the time that the in-quiry inspector, Roy Vandermeer, publishes his report in 2001, ministers will have prepared their own detailed blueprint for using alternatives to Heathrow. A senior Whitehall official said: "We can't just sit and wait for a decision on Terminal Five, and we have to

look seriously at the way we use other airports and, indeed, whether Heathrow is being used as efficiently as possible." Among alternatives that

ministers will explore during their two-year study of airports in the South East of England is the extension of the Eurostar train services to Heathrow, serving Paris and Brussels. The move, already being examined by Eurostar's operators, would potentially remove thousands of flights from Heathrow's congested timetable. Flights between Heathrow and the two cities comprise about 10 per cent of the 440,000 flights a year. John Reid, the Transport

Minister, also wants better rail links between Heathrow and nearby airports - Gatwick, Lu-ton and Stanstead - to enable them to take on some of the 20 million passengers who use Heathrow only to change planes. "We must face up to the facts that we are a small country with a huge demand for air transport. We have to ask whether we can continue to be a modern-day staging post for the whole world. It is no good being the biggest if delays means we are no longer the best," said the Whitehall official.

Market too tough on hotels sector

By DOMINIC WALSH

BRITAIN's hotels have been unjustifiably savaged by the stock market, according to a report by London Economics, to be published tomorrow:

The report, commissioned by the British Hospitality Association, says that between mid-1996 and the end of 1998. hotel stocks fell 40 per cent relanve to the market. Of the current decline, it says: "We find it hard to reconcile the steep collapse in hotel share prices with the probable mild downturn in profit growth."

The report. The Commer-cial Prospects of the UK Hotel Industry, argues that the collapse in share prices in the early 90s was "a rational response to falling turnover and falling profits" in the face of sinking GDP, a recession in the US and the Gulf War.

But London Economics concludes that hotel profits are now much less sensitive to GDP, with costs now much lower as a percentage of turnover and more responsive to falls in revenue. It points out that since 1992, profits of the big hotel operators have risen, in real terms, by more than 10 per cent per annum.

Newspaper...



a harmonious balance

Newspapers and magazines can be recycled to provide secondary fibre to make more newspapers. But recycling depends on a constant supply of new fibres.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE USE OF RAW MATERIALS IN THE NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY:

FAX BACK NUMBER 0660 616231

0660 calls cost 50p per minute at all times



OR WRITE TO: 1 RIVENHALL ROAD, SWINDON, SN5 7BD TELEPHONE: 01793 879229 FAX: U1793 385182

issued by the NEWSPRINT & NEWSPAPER INDUSTRY ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION GROUP

Microsoft shake-up to change strategy

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

MICROSOFT, the maker of the Windows software that onerates most of the world's personal computers, will this week announce a broad reorganisation, splitting the company into four groups.

The changes designed by Steve Ballmer, the president and number two to Bill Gates. will seek to direct Microsoft towards the needs of various customer groups rather than the key software products.

The reorganisation comes after Microsoft said it would suffer a \$400 million revenue

shortfall for the first quarter of 1999, caused by problems with the Office software program. Delays in development of the next generation of the program have forced the company to issue coupons that allow consumers to update the software when the new version arrives.

The four branches of Microsoft expected to emerge include a consumer division, a corporate sales section, a group directed at software developers, and a division to develop new programs and update existing software products.

Union backing for **Bradford & Bingley**

retary of the TUC, will today voice his support for Bradford & Bingley's campaign to retain mutual status in a drive to pro-tect jobs at the building society.

The union leader is meeting Christopher Rodrigues, the society's chief executive, to discuss his concern that a significant number of jobs would be lost if the society's members vote for conversion next month-Bradford & Bingley's fight to

retain mutual status begins in

earnest this week as members

receive their voting forms.

JOHN MONKS, General Sec- Bradford & Bingley said it did not know how many jobs were potentially at risk, although the society made it clear that it would not be able to maintain its current branch network. It said there would also be cutbacks to its independent financial advice network.

Mr Rodrigues said: "John Monk's support for the mutual cause is welcome. He clearly recognises that the future of our staff and our members is best served by Bradford & Bingley remaining a building society."

THE BOARD

49 per cent stake in Energis.

David Jeffries has been chalman of the Grid since its formation at the privatisation of the electricity industry in 1990. In July he will make way for James Ross, the chairman of Littlewoods and the former chief executive of Cable & Wireless. Mr Jeffnes is also the chairman of Virtdian, the holding company of Northern Ireland Electricity.

David Jones, the chief executive, has spent his career in electricity, joining the Grid in 1994 from South Wales Electricity, where he was chief executive. Previously he was in management at South Western and Midlands electricity boards,

Stephen Box, the finance director, joined the Grid two years ago from Coopers & Lybrand, where he was a partner specialis-

Wob Gerretsen, the business development director, Joined from Costain, where he was chairman of engineering and construction, in 1995.

Roger Utwin, the managing director of transmission, was chief executive of London Electricity until 1995 when he moved to the Grid. He is a non-executive director of Foreign and Colonial Trust and Total Oil Marine.

Non-executive directors include: Bob Faircloth, who was chief operating officer at BTR until 1995; John Grant, chief executive of Ascot and a former finance director of Lucas Industries; Richard Reynolds, a former managing director of GPT and current chairman of the Eastern European Trade Council; and Malcolm Wilkinson, chief executive et Standard Chartered.

LAST YEAR was the year the National Grid came into its own. The Grid runs the electricity transmission network and, by that definition, is the very dullest of what are perceived as pretty dull utilities. However, the company demonstrated a spark of life beyond its pylons and substations last summer when its name was linked surprisingly with the National Air Traffic Services (Nats). The Government wants to sell a majority share of Nats, and after it asked the Grid to formalise its verbal interest in a letter, the

Later - in December - the Grid made its much-vaunted swoop into the US market by buying the New England Elec-tricity System (Nees) for £2.7 billion. Unlike PacifiCorp

 Scottish Power's prey Nees was widely regarded as well run, so the move raised the question of what the UK company could get out of its US purchase. It hopes for promising changes to the regulatory system and the chance to use expertise gained in the UK's competitive market to its advantage in the deregulating region of New England.

Last month there was the planned £386 million acquisition of Eastern Utilities Associates, bolstering the Grid's new

presence in New England. Both deals will take about a year to crawl through the mass of regulatory considerations and the company has ruled out further forays into the US in the meantime.

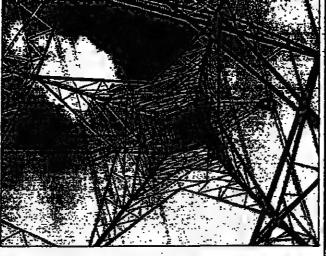
In between these two buying extravaganzas, Grid filled its piggy bank by raising £1.2 bil-lion from the sale of Energis shares. Energis was the Grid's highly successful telecoms division, in which it kept a big majority stake after floating the business in late 1997. Having built up the business, the Grid had long said that it wanted to reduce its interest - it is now left with 49 per cent — and to leave its future to telecoms marketing experts. The soaring value of telecoms stocks

provided the opportunity. Running beside the pioneering stuff was continuation of the Grid's strategy of pushing into developing countries to work on nascent power and network projects. A key move was its £200 million involvement in a project to expand Brazil's telecoms network. The timing was not great; it came on the day Brazil devalued its currency by 12 per cent.

David Jones, chief executive, wants the Grid to have a

cat leapt out of the bag.









David Jones, top left, chief executive of National Grid, whose pylons tower over England and Wales. The Grid sponsors England's cricket umpires, exemplified by the now retired Dickie Bird, right, and an umpire's judgment is also called for at the control centre to match electricity supply to demand

straight three-way split for its income. "Within ten years we want to have a third of revenues from the UK and Europe, a third from the developed world, such as the US, and a third from the emerging world," he said.

The huge US deals already move the Grid towards getting a third of its overall sales from overseas ventures. Pushing for a global position is, of course, not unusual for any company. The Grid, however, is in the fortunate position of having its home market relatively scoure, except for regulatory tighten-ing. The grid system is a natu-ral monopoly and it is unlikely that the regulator or the Government would want to dismantle the network or hive off its functions just yet — especially as they struggle to introduce

new trading arrangements. Certainly, as it stretches its wings, events over the past few months have made the Grid into a different beast from the

one that first saw the light of day three years ago, when the system was severed from the 12 regional electricity companies and put to the market in

its own right.
The Grid had an inauspicious start. It was quickly dubbed National Greed for its fat-cat controversy - the last in a series of utility scandals when four directors gained £1.5 million profits from share

options on the business's flotation. Even John Major, then Prime Minister, had not been able to stop the bonanza. Months before the flotation. he asked the Grid directors to forgo some of their benefits. He acted as Labour made political capital from utility fat-cats

in the run-up to the election. The Grid went on to compound this reputation by set-

ting in train further controvers-

WHAT THE EXPERTS SAY THE There is probably more scope for growth in the UK than

most people give credit for. It has enormous network skills and there is nothing to prevent those skills being Hasnain Malik, Salomon Smith Barney

"The grid has made real progress over the past three years, driven by Energis. But there is concern about overseas activities outside the US. It has been seen as having a very scattergus approach is many of the developing markets." Nigel Hawkins, Williams de Broë

ial incentive schemes. It even received a rebuke over pay from Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, who rarely left the more arcane realms of price formulae and capital investment in his public com-

ments. The Grid's flotation was accompanied by another controversy - the lights nearly went out.

The company thrust itself into the media limelight soon after taking its infant commercial steps. It had warned regional electricity companies that, because of a shortage of fuel caused by contraction in gas supplies, there could be sporadic power cuts if demand peaked. It was hardly a ringing endorsement of electricity privatisation. Dozens of journalists packed the Grid's control centre in Wokingham to witness the meltdown. Nothing happened. At the peak 5pm national dash for the

mand was comfortably matched by supply. Some accused the Grid of scaremongering or, at least, profile building. There is little doubt, though, that the Grid's management of the electricity network is a com-plex task. Electricity cannot be stored, so calculating supply and demand is vital. The Grid

must also monitor output of individual power stations, the amount of power coming into the English and Welsh pool from France and from the Scottish generators, and the per-formance of the wires. This is all done from the

Wokingham centre, where the nation's power is tracked in. minute detail. Next to a giant map of the UK's electricity network are two clocks. One has real time, the other electronic time. They should both have exactly the same time, although the electronic one can get slightly out of sync if the rate at which power moves in kettle on the dreadful day, de- and out of the system deviates

from the optimum. The variance between the times would be slight, but the Grid has a statutory duty to stay within the narrowest parameters in regulating the power flow.
Outside the BBC and ITV.

the people knowing most about effects of television programmes on behaviour prob-ably work for the Grid. Its forecasters know the storylines of soaps weeks ahead and receive up to a year's notice of a major drama production. This is because our boiling of kettles and opening of the fridge to get a beer at half-time in a big match or in a gripping programme's intervals have a

huge effect on power demand. The Grid is also in fourhourly contact with the Meteorological Office to find out how cold it will be (for heating) or alternatively how hot (for air-conditioning) and how cloudy (for lights).

Although all this is done at

Wokingham, the Grid has an alternative secret command centre nearby in case of a terrorist attack on its primary centre. Managing networks with all these variables has its advantages. The Grid is the only company in the world that co-ordinates a national supply system. It has done this as the industry has been both privatised and then pushed into competition. Such a skill is internationally marketable. It is also a strong domestic talent.

The Grid may find its role in matching supply to demand being reduced by an impend-ing overhanl of electricity trading. However, there is nothing to stop it making a convincing case to run a rail network or the part of the gas market that matches unexpected shortfalls with supply. Such steps will make the Grid's interest in controlling air traffic not so surprising after all.

CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

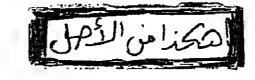
L	
Ethical Expression	
Fat-cat quotient ² Financial record	9/10
Share performance. Attitude to staff	
Strength of brand	6/10
Annual report	7/10
Future prospects	7/10
Ethical expression is ever lategrity Works. The far	funited by .
tient, in which best board practice scores highest, is by Crieg Committing.	provided

VAR THE					杨徐	15.4		ALIE	TIA.	NE.			and the second second			Altient.	**************************************			-4, 6		
1998/89 High Low	Hid Cop (million)	Price pence	+/-	YM	P/E	1996/92 High Law	(GAL Cap. (million.)	Prica pence	+/	YM.	P/E	1986/99 High Lew	und Cap (colling)	Price	tridy +/-	76 P/8	199 1996	6/99 Low	Wild Cop. (neltition)	Ponca	+/-	114 % P/E
91337 75 75 945 1237 1100 95 45 726 1237 1100 95	2.40 10 Gip 11,70 AFA Systems 12,30 AACO Corp 8.17 AFA Soup 8.18 AFA Systems 12,30 AACO Corp 8.18 AFA Soup 2.35 AFACAN Goup 2.37 Alternation & Bd 9.23 Afactorist & Bd 9.24 Afactorist & Bd 9.25 Architectus Pub Co 33,90 Anglo Sitter Oil 34,90 Architectus Pub Co 33,90 Anglo Sitter Oil 34,90 Architectus Pub Co 99,90 Ash Contral 12,90 Andreti 14,27 Afactorist Coppen 15,90 Architectus Oil 32,70 Afactorist Coppen 15,90 Architectus Oil 32,70 Afactorist Coppen 15,90 Branda Oil 32,70 Afactorist Coppen 16,90 Branda Oil 33,90 Architectus Oil 34,90 Branda Oil 35,90 Branda Oil 37,90 Branda Oil 37,90 Branda Oil 37,90 Branda Oil 37,90 Coppen 37,90 Coppen 37,90 Coppen 38,90 Coppen 38,90 Coppen 39,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 32,90 Coppen 32,90 Coppen 32,90 Coppen 32,90 Coppen 33,90 Coppen 34,90 Coppen 34,90 Coppen 34,90 Coppen 35,90 Coppen 36,90 Coppen 36,90 Coppen 37,90 Coppen 37,90 Coppen 38,90 Coppen 39,90 Coppen 30,90 Coppen 30,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 31,90 Coppen 32,90 Coppen 33,90	20442.15 50.25 635.6 405.7 6358.6 115 2 35 92 1 9 4 30 150 9 6 155 7 20 4 5 2 6 5 35 8 1 12 3 5 9 3 10 0 2 8 5 1 10 2 8 1 10 2 8 1	- 4 24 - + + + - + + + - + + - + + - + + - + + - + + - +	19 27 18 50 43	7.1 7.7 7.5 18.3 14.9 18.9 17.7 17.7 18.9 17.7 17.7 18.9 17.7 18.9 17.7 17.4 18.9 17.7 17.4 17.4 17.4 17.5 17.4 17.5 17.5 17.5 17.5 17.5 17.5 17.5 17.5	495 11 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	7.83 Derimaster 7.86 Design Petroleum 7.87 Design Petroleum 7.88 Demension Wits 7.80 Debres Sarden 7.87 Design Petroleum 7.88 Petroleum 7.89 Design Petroleum 7.89 Design Petroleum 7.89 Design Petroleum 7.80 Des	79.21 *** 155.55 *** 1	14 7: 1	11.4 11.4 11.4 12.4 12.5 13.5 14.5 15.5 15.5 15.5 15.5 15.5 15.5 15	95	255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255 255	3.51 Kem Hwit 162 Keystone Soli Keystone Soli Keystone Soli Keystone Soli Keystone Soli Keystone Soli Keystone With Solid Keystone With Solid Keystone With Solid Keystone With Solid Keystone Solid Keystone With Solid Keys	33511 675 45 12 12 15 15 16 17 15 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17 17	- 10 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15 - 15	25.8 1.1 4.5 57.2	1897 445 797 1075 1075 1175 1175 1175 1175 1175 117	214 310 621 255 614 45	12.30 Promier Jesel Mell 7.01 Promier Direct Grg 111.40 Preside Direct Grg 111.40 Preside Mell 4.93 Prison Not E 4.93 Prison Not E 4.93 Prison Not E 4.93 Prison Scies 8.91 Protects Scies 1.85 Puths I Bars 10.50 Pytes & Arnold 11.50 Group 8.03 Remot Egy 17.56 Rating Cooke 1.450 Rating Cooke 1.450 Repeting Servs 1.450 Replace 2H 2.53 Recycling Servs 1.450 Replace 2H 2.53 Recycling Servs 1.450 Replace 2H 2.53 Recycling Servs 1.450 Recycling Servs 1.450 Recycling Servs 1.450 Sciental Recycling Service Ser	345	17	31.4 5.9 8.7 12.1 14 27.4 10 24 51.3 18 16.3

BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE CLOSED.

It has never been easier to do business round the clock. Put your company on the world wide web and you can be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's just one of the ways that fT can help you use time more effectively. Microsoft can provide the right small business solution for you and your company. See your Microsoft supplier, call 0345 00 1000 ext. 201 or visit www.microsoft.com/tik/yourbusiness/ to find out more. Soon you'll be doing business in your sleep.

Solutions for Small Business Where do you want to go today? Wicrosoft



French ranks as bank bis

Rio Tinto chief hits back

Birth West Land

1000 TO CO

Tegin of many

Public dintre

Maa different ADSTRACTION OF SALES Talesnes war.

estate comments

The minute could as

Zinh Chlici 44 1 10 the supply the control of the contro 2 by set their contra that happy beindust the con-THE PARTY OF THE P be arrest the way

a die practiti

Be face been frament of and of the decimal

ompanie. Prices by Income of

Manual Mary digital control

Carlos Seer

Into an experience

TO SME IN A HOLD TO BE

PASSES INC. CO. 野 塩 かいり

 $\mathbf{L}^{(2)}(V^{1/2})$

4 (17) A (18) Taft Liter "in A Commence of the Commence of Change for the property of the state iem Daving a march 2 46 per eq. . 神色的一点。 But of Grand and the state of t ge test. See that is the

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

ないまたいと何か 概念

and the area areas are present

The County March 1995

المجيرية أأراب للرجاء بالمراج

100 April 100 Ap

I STATE OF THE PROPERTY. The state of the section of

in the American

and the spitting of the

THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE

A STANDARD OF THE STANDARD Control with milder wieden.

As the right 1.17 NOTES 2 200 140 July 25 355

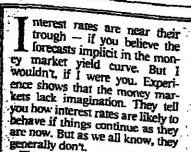
19 10 Table 19 16

10 5 5 70 <u>1000</u>

4 7 7 · ***

A COLUMN STATE OF THE PARTY AND A STATE OF THE

A STATE OF THE PARTY OF T



The money markets' current view is partly driven by the growing conviction that American interest rates are going to rise. That may be right, but the real question is what would happen afterwards.
The markets tend to think in terms of conventional interest rate cycles. Once rates start moving in one direction they continue for several further moves, perhaps extending over years.

But we no longer live in a conventional world. Those of us who have expected a stock market collapse to slow US consumer spending have so far been wrong - but we can still be proved right this year. If the market does not come to its senses naturally, then a US

Fall in base rates has not finished yet

rate rise may do the job. Yet after a contributing to increasing social significant drop in asset prices, the Fed would surely not want to go on raising rates. It might even be forced to cut them again soon afterwards - not least because of the international ramifications.

There is a widespread view that the international financial crisis has run its course. But two related problems are bubbling beneath the surface. The penny seems finally to have dropped in Tokyo that if Japan is to find a way out of the present deflationary trap it will have to let the yen go: Meanwhile. there have been more hints from China that it may devalue. Her current account surplus suggests that she does not need to, but look instead at the domestic situation. and it is a different story. Growth has slowed sharply and prices in the shops are falling at 3 per cent a

Critics say that China should try to boost growth by instituting reforms that will stimulate both corporate and consumer spending. But political considerations dictate that the authorities have to go easy on the pace of reform, while the entrenchment of deflationary psychology makes stimu-lating demand far from easy. The markets should give due

weight to the chances that a Chinese devaluation this year will set off another round of currency adjustments. If that happens, as well as unsettling financial markets, weaker Asian currencies would intensify disinflationary pressures in the West and thereby justify lower interest rates.

Over the past week, of course. the British money markets have focused on the implications of the



often before) first impressions were misleading. On hearing the Budget speech, many a teenage scribbler rushed off to the television studios to denounce the big Budget "giveaway". They should have known better than to read the Budget's message from the Chancellor's speech in Parliament.

The true message only reveals itself after the practice of the black arts involved in poring over the Budget document (still known in the trade as the Red Book, even though it is white). For all Chancellors face two ways — to the voters in the country, and to the financial markets across the world. They must simultaneously be Santa to one group and Scrooge to the other.

Astute observers in the markets can normally see through this pretence, but this year things were made worse for them by the Chan-cellor's brilliant presentation, and by his practice of rolling up the tax reductions over three years. His much-trumpeted net tax cut of £6bn was in fact only £1bn in the coming year. More importantly, despite the cuts last week, taxes are in fact set to rise as a result of the measures announced in the previous two Budgets but yet to take full effect.

There is a significant chance, though, that a recession will blow Gordon Brown's plans off course. Given the international situation and the risk that rising unemployment here at home will dent consumer confidence, I think that the Treasury's forecast of 1 per cent growth is too high (although it is perfectly plausible).

his is where the news gets even better. Britain's fiscal position is now so strong that it could withstand a recession. Of course, borrowing levels would rise sharply, but look at the starting point. This year the Budget deficit is set to be only 0.3 per cent of GDP and the accumulated government debt 46.6 per cent. This compares with the Maastricht Treaty criteria of 3 per cent and 60 per cent. The only other large country in a comparably

healthy position is the United

And this brings me to the last reason for expecting interest rates to carry on falling. According to most assessments, the pound is uncompetitive at these levels and should be falling. Yet it is not showing any signs of weakness. now subsumed in the euro, it is just about in the middle of its old ERM bands. I have a suspicion that, partly because our fiscal position is so robust, sterling may even strengthen, thereby intensifying disinflationary forces - and increasing the pressure for further base rate cuts.

You'll be wanting numbers. I am not changing my view because of a broadly neutral Budget and temporary signs of recovery in the world economy. The figure I have pencilled in for the end of the year is still 4 per cent. Yes, I know that's a good deal lower than the markets are expecting. Just reflect on what they were expecting last year.

roger.bootle@capitaleconomics.com

French close ranks against bank bidders

A CAMPAIGN is under way

in the French business community to prevent one of the country's large banks failing into foreign hands.

The hostile takeover bid launched last week by Banque Nationale de Paris for two of its rivals, Société Générale and Paribas, has thrown the sector into turmoil and prompted suggestions that an overseas bank may use the bid as an opportunity to muscle into the hitherto closed French banking sector.

Signs of the French closing ranks against outside bidders came as the Finance Ministry yesterday published a decree launching the privatisation of another bank, the state-owned Credit Lyonnais.

BNP's move would create the world's largest bank in terms of assets, and one of the higgest in terms of market captalisation. The predator and its prey are preparing for a long battle if the Consell des Marches Financiers, the finanFROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

cial markets regulator, rules tomorrow that BNPs bid is ac-

Although shares in BNP closed 3.6 per cent down at 680 on Friday, international investors have given broad, if prudent, support to the predatory raid on Société Générale and Paribas, which were themselves in merger talks.

This weekend Paribas denied reports that about 100 of its senior managers were opposed to the proposed link-up-with Societe Generale, al-though it was forced to admit that they had met last week. Antoine Jeancourt-Galligna-ni, chairman of AGF, the in-

surance group with significant stakes in the three banks, said: The shareholders will decide. They are going to have to evaluate the interests of both projects." BNP is offering 15 shares for seven Société Géné-

But with the bid certain to faci speculation in shares in

all three institutions, foreign banks are waiting for the chance to pounce on a hitherto closed French market. There have been reports that Germa-

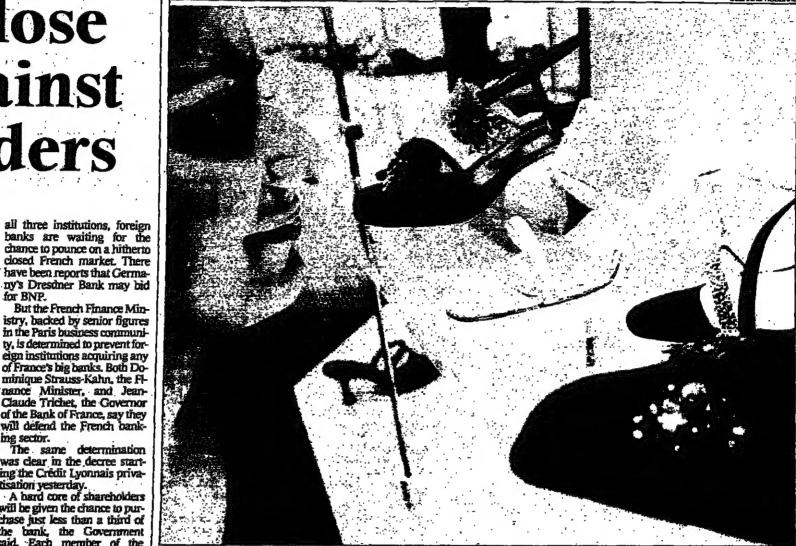
But the French Finance Ministry, backed by senior figures in the Paris business community, is determined to prevent foreign institutions acquiring any of France's big banks. Both Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the Fl-nance Minister, and Jean-Claude Trichet, the Governor of the Bank of France, say they will defend the French bank-

ing sector.

The same determination was clear in the decree starting the Crédit Lyonnais privatisation yesterday.

A hard core of shareholders

will be given the chance to purchase just less than a third of bank, the Government said. Each member of "group of parmers" will be able to accorate a stake of between ! per cent and 10 per cent.



Fashion footwear: Church & Co. the gentleman's bootmaker, is aiming to attract buyers of designer shoes with the launch of e-jones. The store, near Harrods in Brompton Road, West London, is being run through the Jones the Bootmaker division of Church & Co. The company, which hopes to reclaim some of the territory lost to clothes retailers, is thought to be a target for Bernard Arnault, of LVMH.

Rio Tinto chief hits back

By PAUL ARMSTRONG

THE head of Rio Tinto, the world's biggest mining com-pany, has rejected accusations that poor management in the minerals industry was to blame for the plunge in

1110

commodity prices.

Leon Davis, chief executive, said the huge oversupply that drove down the price of most metals was the result of decisions made by mining companies three or more years ago, when "the world was a different place". Mr Davis said that most other industries were also guilty of fostering excess capacity at various times.

"The mining industry is unfairly criticised," he said. The supply decisions were made a fair time ago and people just got their timing wrong. That happens."

The industry has come under increasing attack for failing to arrest the slide in the price of its products. Analysts have been particularly critical of the decision of many companies to offset low prices by increasing

after 15 March, 1999.

Gross Distribution per unit

Less 15% USA Withholding Tax

square on the reverse of the certificate.

Pastal applications carnot be accepted.

Dated 15 March, 1999 ::

Shell in search of profits with principles

BY CARL MORTISPIED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

SHELL, the oil company, yesterday said that it sacked some 60 contractors last year for failing to comply with its business principles, which in-clude prohibitions against bribery and corruption, and its health and safety policies.

The company also indicated that a

number of employees had been dismissed for corruption, although fewer than the 23 who lost their jobs in 1997. The revelations came as Shell launched a \$25 million (£15 million) media campaign intended to demonstrate its commitment to sustainable development - balancing profits with care for the environment and

The campaign, entitled Profits and

Principles, includes mailshots to opinion-formers worldwide, an Internet discussion forum and \$16 million in press advertising. One of the more arresting images consists of a tiny frog caught in a venus fly trap. Next to it is the Shell emblem and the message: protect endangered species or be-

Mark Wade, who is organising the campaign at Shell said: The Brent

Spar was one of the best things that happened to us. We were shocked by the vehemence of the reaction and we asked ourselves how could we get so out of touch."

Mark Moody-Stuart, Shell's chairman, said: "While much of our attention this year is going into making the business more profitable, this is not an excuse to neglect our longerterm responsibilities.

Shell commissioned a MORI survey of attitudes to the company worldwide, which revealed 50 per cent were positive, 40 per cent indifferent

and 10 per cent highly critical. Mr Wade noted that the company's share price "hardly wobbled" during the Brent Spar and Nigeria controversies. "But it hurt us emotionally - we were seen as lacking the values we

Eastern puts out gas rival challenge

Eastern Group, the power gen-erator and distributor owned by Texas Utilities, is claiming to have emerged as the largest competitor to Centrica, which trades as British Gas, in the scramble for the deregulated gas market.

More than one million customers have signed up to East-ern for their domestic gas sup-plies, and more than 300.000 have joined the company's existing electricity customer base. Eastern announced fullyear operating profits 12 per cent higher at £450.2 million.

Greenbury effect

Companies are imposing increasingly demanding per-formance conditions on executive share option incentive schemes as a result of the Greenbury Committee's report according to a new survey. Long term incentive plans adopted last year had higher potential awards than in earli-er years, according to New Bridge Street Consultants, the management consultant.

BAe in Spanish bid

British Aerospace is believed to be in talks to buy Casa of Spain, the state-owned aerospace company. The company is to be sold off by the Government in the summer. BAe, which is also buying the GEC's Marconi defence division, has offered to buy all of Casa.

Miners' strike off

RJB Mining, Britain's biggest coal producer, has announced that a threatened strike by mineworkers in Yorkshire and the Midlands has been called off.

http://www.flace-money.co.uk

MAM critical of DSS proposal

MERRILL Lynch Mercury As-set Management (MAM), the pension fund manager, has dashed with the Department of Social Security over plans to insert a clause setting out trustees approach to ethical investment (Martin Waller writes).

A DSS consultation document suggests pension fund trustees should provide a statement of investment principles. saying whether they take into account considerations other than financial ones, such as a refusal to invest in arms or tobacco. But John Parsloe, a managing director at MAM, has written to the DSS saying that such a proposal is "objectionable", because the requirement for a negative statement implies trustees are in some way not conforming to best in-

vestment practice. "This is open to interpretation as an insidious attempt by government to influence trustees," he says. He adds that decisions on ethical investment are entirely

the fund manager.



De La Rue to cut costs

DE LA RUE, the maker of coincounting machines, is expected to announce huge cost-cutting measures, including job losses. when it unveils the results of a strategic review tomorrow (Paul Armstrong writes).
The review, which has

focused on the company's cash

2,300 Cents

0.345 Cents

1.955 Cents

£0.01206790

Following the DIVIDEND DECLARATION by Ford Motor

Company (U.S.) on 14 January, 1999 NOTICE is now given

that the following DISTRIBUTION will become payable on or

Claims should be ladged with the DEPOSITARY: National Westminster Bank PLC, NatWest Investments Counter.

c/o NafWest Markets, 1st Floor, 135 Bishopsgate, London EC2M SUR on special forms obtainable from that office.

United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange

should mark payment of the dividend in the appropriate

All other claimants must complete the special form and present this at the above address together with the

continues for marking by the Mational Westminster Bank PLC.

systems division, is being viewed as an attempt by De La Rue to rebuild its tarnished reputation among analysts and fund managers.

But analysts are questioning whether any amount of restructuring will generate ac-

ceptable returns.

Bank Buys 2.67 21.59 63.57 2.609 0.9102 Bank Setis 2,49 19,93 58,61 2,421 0,8387 Australia \$... Austria Sch. Denmark kr..... Egypt Finland Mkk... France Fr.....

0.9102 11.71 5.76 9.45 10.29 3.090 129 129 1858 1.2333 6.92 3074 210.42 10.82 5.15 8.70 9.51 2.848 468 12.29 13558 1.1443 6.26 2837 192.89 0.618 3.194 2.96 12.39 Germany Dm...... Greece Dr..... Hong Kong S.... acan Yen... 0.677 3.489 3.20 13.33 312.61 290.58 10.72 9.76 260.53 241.74 Spain Pla...... Sweden Kr.....

Rates for small denomination bank-notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank, Different rates apply to travel-ler's cheques. Rates as at close of trading on Friday.

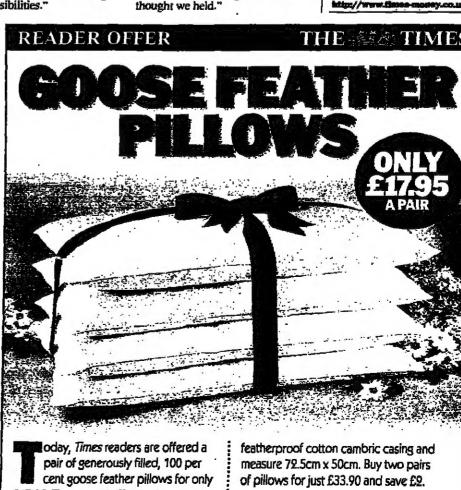
THE TIMES & DILLONS FORUM in association with The Word and the latest the second of t Times readers are invited to a rare evening with John le Carré, one of Britain's best-

selling novelists, on Sunday, March 28, at 7pm.

Introduced by the Editor of The Times, Peter Stothard, the internationally acclaimed author will talk about his life and work, and read from his latest novel Single & Single. If you would like to ask John le Carré a question, please e-mail johnlecarre@the-times.co.uk. For more details visit The Times/le carré website at www.the-times.co.uk/lecarre.html.

The event, which forms part of The Word literary festival, will be held at the LSE Peacock theatre, Portugal Street, off Kingsway, London WC1. Tickets cost £9 and can be booked on 0171-863 8222

THE TIMES • DILLONS • FORUM



£17.95. They mould effortlessly around your head and neck, supporting you superbly through the night. They have piped edging for optimum strength,

Send your payment and coupon to: The Times Goose Feather Pillows Offer (T1009), Belton Road West, Loughborough, Leics, LE11 5XL

CHANGING TIMES

				Or dept my MasterCard-Visa card no
W/Mrs/Ms/Mss h	ADM.			
Address			lacs 17829	Print NameExp Date
Value £ Write name and add		i back of		Send coupon and rematance to The Times Goose Feather Pillows Offer (†1802), Belton Road West, Louisborough.
Value £ Write name and add	ress or			Pillows Offer (†1802), Belton Road West, Loughborough, Leics, 1211 SXL
	QTY		TOTAL	Pillows Offer (†1002), Belton Road West, Loughbornugh, Leks, LE11 SXL Ofer acakair in the UK only, Allow 21 days by defeny on orders. If description
ITEM	QTY	E, ITEM	TOTAL	Pillows Offer (†1802), Belton Road West, Loughborough, Leics, 1211 SXL

Short stay: Silicon Valley's corporate venturing model is to make lots of small investments in a market related to your own and then exit within five years

Tech farmers aim to reap rich investment harvest

ech farming is not some new and even more terrifying modern method of genetically altering crops and mutating animals. It is the name given to venture capital activity by technology companies.

Most large software and

hardware companies in America have woken up to the need for corporate venturing, following pharmaceutical companies before them. The home of tech farming is Silicon Valley in California, where there is a whole eco-system to support entrepreneurship and where large companies nurture smaller ones as everyday practice.

In January, Oracle, founded by Larry Ellison, announced a \$100 million venture fund. Intel has a fund worth some \$2 billion. Last week's Budget put in place tax breaks to help to corporate venturing get off the ground over here. It is a business strategy pecu-

liarly suited to the nature of the technology business and its dynamics. Silicon Valley's corporate venturing model is to make lots of relatively small investments, typically between \$1 and \$5 million, taking a minority stake in small, young companies. The aim is to invest in companies operating in a market related to your own and exit (sell your stake) the small company within five years. You do not find car manufac-

turers rushing into the corporate venturing game. But it makes a lot of sense for techSaeed Shah examines the growth of venture

capital activity by high-tech companies

nology. As we have seen from the astronomical valuations that loss-making Internet stocks have commanded, the economics of the technology sector does not fit neatly into the textbooks of business.

Unlike car manufacturers, technology companies have to accept that their market is so fast-moving that there is no room for smugness or sitting back on your laurels. Even the industry's giants may not be at the cutting edge of any given technology or its application. You have to accept that the

next big thing will not necessarily come from the boffins at your company, so somehow you have to find another way of getting a slice of the action. Francis Vanderhoydonck, president and chief executive of Lernout & Hauspie Invest-

ment Company (LHIC), says: "Nobody actually knows how the future will look in IT. Nobody can be sure of maintaining their current market position, not even Bill Gates." Cars are designed three,

four, or five years before they go into production. That is a luxury you do not have in the IT sector. By its nature, the future of IT is uncertain. Even the present microchip technology, which doubles computing power every 18-24 months, is

BTClickFree

What's new? It's now

free to get online with

_ Unlimited access at local

_ Free e-mail addresses

No monthly subscription fee

Free news and entertainment

Call today for your free software

Mannen charge is 5p per call. Different charges apply from non-8T networks

Freefone 0800 731 7887

or visit | www.btclickfree.com

cali rates

from talk 21

BT ClickFree

set to run out of capacity in about ten years' time and an al-ternative will have to be found. Because of IT's newness, other companies are not necessarily enemies, because a mass market has yet to be created in many cases. Microsoft's al-

leged bullying tactics apart.

technology companies are all in this together. They have to work with other companies. Lernout & Hauspie, a Bel-gian company that makes voice-recognition technology. established LHIC as a separate company in January to make longer-term strategic invest-ments. It follows their purer venture capitalist initiative, the FLV fund, which makes short-term investments. Both LHIC

> L&H operates in. Philip Vermeulen, managing director of FLV fund, says: Your competitors might benefit, but what you gain is growing the absolute size of the market, even if you lose some of the proportion of the market that you hold."

and FLV funds limit their in-

vestments to the language and artificial intelligence fields that

Technology is forging the future. Only by working together, developing complementary technologies and applying the technologies of other companies to everyday needs, are you going to create a viable market. Makers of fridges, for in-

stance, do not have to create a market; that already exists. However, if you are creating voice-recognition products. that is new and the market is only just emerging. Any compa-ny promoting the field is doing you a favour. Soon, says L&H. we will have video recorders that you can programme just by talking to them, but the market is yet to be created.

Nigel Grierson, Intel's Corporate Business Development programme director for Europe, says: "Intel's primary reason for investing is strategic. First, Intel wants to stimulate demand for PC products that, in turn, can increase the size of the overall market segment. "Intel does this by looking

for companies that can help create new uses or new users for PC products. For instance, Intel invests in companies that can help make computing more visually compelling, more produc-tive or more entertaining." tried to do it all ourselves. Helping companies who apply our technology helps both parties." The more successful the com-

Fred Mitchell, manager of the \$100 million fund at Adobe

Systems, says: "We don't con-centrate on financial returns.

We look at companies that are

addressing markets that have

a strategic fit to our business."

Mr Mitchell says that Ado-be has typically invested in six

to ten companies a year since it started the fund in 1994, tak-ing stakes of between 3 and 40

per cent. Of the \$15 million in-

vested in nine companies that

have been acquired or gone public. Adobe has booked a

It is the attraction of a small

company's product that at-tracts, not its salesforce or reve-

nue flow. And most technolo-

gy companies like to work with classic venture capitalist

firms as co-investors, for their

There is a distinction in the

IT sector between core technol-

ogy and its applications. Com-

panies like L&H want to con-

centrate on developing the

basic technology, but there is

no market for the pure tech-

nology without applications.

They want to leave those appli-

cations to others. Mr Mitchell

says that the companies he in-

vests in are typically two to

four years ahead of Adobe in

their application of Adobe soft-

L&H. says: "We concentrate on

the core language and artificial

intelligence technologies. It

would dilute our efforts and

our strength it we did every-

thing. There are infinite appli-

cations for speech recognition.

Since we cannot be in 20,000

different applications, we would miss out on a lot if we

Jo Lernout, co-founder of

ware platforms.

\$100 million profit.

financial expertise.

pany applying a technology is, the more the brand of the in-ventor of that technology is leveraged". And that is before the investor takes any direct profit from its investment. For the small companies at

the receiving end of investments, they not only gain funds, but get help with marketing and early access to new products being developed by the big brother.

The massive profits commonly enjoyed by larger tech-nology companies lead to enormous cash piles that allow risky venturing activity.

growth potential of the technology companies makes it fertile ground for venture capitalists, and who better to know which will succeed than those who are in the technology business themselves. Being on top of the technology also ensures a healthy deal flow for tech farmers, that other ingredient of successful venture capitalism.

The concept of tech farming has started to come to Europe. Intel has just set up a European corporate venturing div-ision and has made eight investments so far. Microsoft has become in-

volved in the ambitious programme to make Cambridge the hub of an English equivalent of Silicon Valley.

Cambridge provides Brit-ain's brightest high-tech hopes. The area has 1,200 technology companies, employing 35,000 people — the highest concentration in Europe. The £50 million Amadeus

Capital Partners venture fund in Cambridge was set up in December 1997, with investors including a couple of the university's colleges and the likes of Microsoft and Reuters. It has spent £10 million so far on ten investments. Hermann Hauser, one of

the founding partners at Amadeus, says: "One of the bottlenecks has been the quality of the entrepreneurial talent in Britain." Dr Hauser, who is 'cautiously optimistic" about high-tech prospects in the UK, adds: "The other big obstacle is that there is not a smooth relationship between large and small companies in this country, unlike the US. Small companies are seen as tedious and difficult to work with."



WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 33

VISHNUITE

(a) A worshipper of Vishnu, an adherent of Vishnuism. "A Vishnuite who has inadvertently killed a monkey may expiate his offence by a mock sacrifice." ZERUMBET

(b) An East Indian plant of the genus Curcuma, or its aromatic root, used, like the allied Cassumunar and Zedgary, as a tonic drug. An adaptation of the Hindi and Persian names. "The Zerumbet likewise growes in these parts, and is like to ginger."

ZYGAENA

(c) A fish of the genus formerly so named (now Sphyrna) comprising the hammer-headed sharks. An adaptation of the Greek word, which meant a fish of some sort, possibly even a hammer-headed shark. The Dog Fish, the Zygaena, the Tope, the Cat Fish."

VALETAILLE

(a) A number or retinue of valets, for those who feel the need of more than one assistant to dress them. "No end of military valetaille, chiefly janizaries in Turk costume."

SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE 1 ... Nxf2! 2 Nxf2 (2 Rxf2 Rd1 is decisive) 2 ... Rd1! 3 Qxd1 Bxf2+ 4 Rxf2 Qxd1+ and wins easily on material CHANGE ON WEEK

US Dollar 1.6338 (+0.0240)

0.6698 (-0.0046) Exchange index 103.1 (+0.7)

Benk of England oficial close (4pm)

Eye and the second

3832.8 (+65.0) FTSE 100 6282.2 (+76.7) **New York Dow Jones** 9876.35 (+140.27) Tokyo Nikkel Avge 15488.86 (+594.86)

FT 30 share

Women on the inside

BBC1, 9.30pm

Apart frum a prisoner trying to kill herself, this new series about day-to-day life in a women's prison is surprisingly upbeat. The prison is New Hall in Yorkshire, a closed facility for more than 400 and the fastest-growing prison in the country. "There is quite a staggering rise in numbers (of female criminals) and we don't really know why," says the Governor-Mile Goodwin. The inmates seem to like him and give a rancous cheer as he does his rounds. The prisoners coming in every day, from courts around the North of England seem to get sympathetic treatment. This opener focuses on Tout Barker, a first-timer who will wring your heart. Continues tomorrow. wring your heart. Continues tomorrow.

After last week's astonishing ending, what on earth could Tony Grounds's primary school chums, the Good, the Bad and the Gormless, have in store for a climax? One waits in horrid in store for a climan? One waits in horrid anticipation. It is not misplaced. Tonight sees the final disintegration — and then a kind of spiritual reawakening — of the five remaining characters. The storylines merge with the resolution of that escalating quarrel between Terry (Mark Strong) and the combustible natural father of his sons (Robert Goodale). The high point has got to be the ghastly toga party thrown by Alan (Ray Winstone) for his cowering cronies. As they nervously tuck into their suckling pig the whole scenario collapses into a kind of Greek tragedy. And as Alex (Maggie O'Neill) belts out the words to I Will Survive over the closing credits it seems she has finally found her identity — and so have (nearly) all the others.

Cutting Edge: Shot Channel 4,9pm

Nick O'Dwyer's film is a strange evocation of the power, even glamour, of the gun. Those who give evidence include two men who have killed, an RUC officer who was nearly killed, an English

A behind-the-scenes look at New Hall

prison in Jailbirds (BBC1, 9.30pm)

woman who wimessed her lover shot through their car windows in Florida and an arms dealer whose car windows in Florida and an arms dealer whose eyes sparkle as he describes the sophisticated refinements of his products. A former soldier describes "the kick of the weapon, the tenseness of pulling the trigger slowly and remembering how to breathe". O'Dwyer intercuts the gory recollections with near-abstract close-ups of the meticulous design and beauty of a gun. Fascinating — but why make it?

Kavanagh QC ITV, 9pm

"If equal affection cannot be, Let the more loving one be me." This quotation from W.H. Auden underlines a sad, graceful story in this second of the new series. Like the first, it starts on a knife-edge: a ravaged young girl, depressed by heroin, appears to blow herself up by holding a match to her faulty gas fire in the flat she shares with her boyfriend. "I killed her," says the boyfriend (Hugh Dancy) — and he sticks to his story, corroborated by an timerant health visitor and with further confirmation suggested by a record for arson. But all is not what it appears, as our man in chambers (John Thaw) discovers.

RADIO CHOICE

This new three-part series starts with the kind of rhythmic feet-on-gravel sound that raises the prospect of a programme about square-bashing and other forms of discipline. But this is discipline of a different kind for the series is about the training of Roman Catholic priests. The focus is Ushaw College outside Durham, where young men train for what the presenter Rosemary Hartill calls "a worldwide celibate male club dedicated to the service of Cod" Usbaye President is Eather. the service of God". Ushaw's President is Father Jim O'Keefe, a dedicated but determinedly informal man with a passion for Sunderland Football Club. The sense of community at Ushaw comes across strongly and I was surprised to discover that it also has female theology students.

RADIO 1 (BBC)

i.30am Zoe Bell 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Chrs Moylee 5.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave

RADIO 2 (BBC)

12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewert 5.05 Johnnie Welker 7.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 8.00 Stg Band Special 8.30 Jools Holland 9.30 Mark Lamsen: Sheks, Rattle and Roll (8/10) 10.30 Richerd Altneon 12.00 Katrina Leskanich 3.00em Mo Duba

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

Subset Miching Hisports sub diseases studingly Campost. Live from Berwick-upon-Tweed, in the run-up to devolution for Scotland and Wales 12.00 The Middley News 1.00pm Pluscoe and Co 4.00 Drive 7.00 News Extra 7.30 Dream Teams, Eventon supporter Bill. Kenwright talks to Jim White about the best players to have graced Goodlson Park 8.00 The Fernily. Andrew Neil and a celabrity panel debate the luture of British family like 10.00 Late Night Live 1.00em Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00mm Big Boys Breakfast 9.00 Scott Chisholm & Selly Jernes 12.00 Let's Telk Scap 1.00 Anna Raeburn 4.00 Sports Zone 7.00 Under the Posts 8.00 Jernes Whale 1.00mm Ien Collins

VIRGIN

6.30em Chris Evens 9.30 Russ-Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Herriot Scott 6.45 Pete and Gaoff 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00em James Mentit 4.30 Richard Allen

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air with Petroc Trelawny
 9.00 Masterworks with Peter Hobday, Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks); Scadalti (Sonata in E. (NSS1), Rodrigo (Concerto de Arantuez)
 10.30 Artist of the Week This week, Joan Bakewell talks to the organist Gillian Weir
 11.00 Sound Stories: Medical Matters The tale of

11.00 Sound Stories: Medical Matters The tale of Schubert's battle against syphilis
12.00 Composer of the Week: Richard Strauss
1.00pm Lanchtime Concert Live from the Wigmore Hall. Peter Donohoe, piano. Bach (French Suite No 5 in G; BWN816; Beathoven (Fiano Sonata in A. Op 2 No 2; Bartok (Fiano Sonata)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Ion Marin and Tadaaki Otaka, with Fatio Bidni, piano, Barbara Hendricks, soprano. Liszt (Les preludes, Piano Concerto No 1 in E flat); Strauss (Four Last Songs); Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor)
4.00 Opera In Action Robert Lloyd explores the endraordinary number of fine voices that Wales has produced. Featured artists include Margaret Price, Strait Burrows, Bryn Terfel, Della Jones and Dennis O'Neit
4.45 Music Machine Tommy Pearson begins a week in which he explores the art of performing chamber music

chamber music 5.00 in Tune With Sean Rafferty, Including music by Ravel, Mozart and Berkoz, and Strauss's Burleske 7.30 Performance on 3: Myths in Music Live from

9.00 Start the Week Discussion programme, hosted by Jeremy Peaman
9.45 (FM) Sertal: Letters from My Windmill Stephen Fry reads from Alphonse Daudet's pessionate account of tile in Provence
9.45 (LW) Daily Service From St Martin's Church, Bellast, led by the Rev Bert Tosh
10.00 Women's Hour with Martha Kearney and guests
11.00 Tuning into Children Kirsty Wark examines the importance of play to a chid's development (5/6)
11.30 King of Beth Ambrose banks on Nash's help in acqueing pupils for his new school. Comedy by Amold Evans, with Eny Thomas and David Bamber Suffer Little Children (4/6)
12.00 (LW) News Headlines; Shipping Forecast
12.00 (FM) News 12.04pm You and Yours Consumer news and stones, with Liz Barclay and John Waite
1.00 The World at One News round-up, manduced by Nick Clarks
1.30 Counterpoint Third semi-final of the general

Nick Clarks

1.30 Counterpoint Third semi-final of the general innowledge music quiz, hosted by Ned Sharrin 2.00 The Arshera Yesterday's edition (r)

2.15 Afternoon Plays Letters from a Strange Land John Clifford's dramatisation of the true story of the adventurer Will Adams, who was shipwrepoked in Japan while en route for the East Indies in 1598 With David Brooks and Butt Kwouk

3.00 Money Box Lives 6steners' calls on financial issues 3.30 Carnival Tales New series. See Choice (1/5) 3.45 This Sceptred late Ariva Massey harrates part 51 of the history of Britain (r)

4.00 The Food Programme Andrew Jefford investigates threats to Jamaica's barrana groves (r)

Carnival Tales Radio 4, 3.30pm

There is nothing quite like Carnival time in Brazil and the rest of us will never quite understand why. As a particpant says in this joyful 15 minutes. The way that we party, you have to be a Brazilian to understand. If you are from another country you will never understand why somebody spends, like, will never understand why somebody spends, five, three days jumping, jumping, jumping, Why? What that for? You have to be from here to understand." Yes, but you don't need to understand it to admire it and the presenter Mark Richards conveys not just the excitement but also the political and social impetus that makes Carnival a time of hope and excitement for millions of people many of whom have little hope or excitement elsewhere in their lives.

BBC WORLD SERVICE

5.00am The World Today 7.00 World News 7.15 This Woman Thing 7.55 My Century 8.00 World News 8.05 Record News 8.20 Off the Shell: Enduring Love 8.35 Health Matters 9.00 World News 9.05 Westway Access 9.20 The Virtage Chart Show 9.05 Sports Round-Up 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Britain Today 10.46 The Farming World 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Pick of the World 12.00 World News 12.05pan Outlook 12.45 Sports Round-Up 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 3.05 Sports Round-Up 3.75 Record News 3.30 Composer Of the Month 4.00 World News 4.15 Insight 4.30 M utilizable FL-List 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World News 8.15 Britain Today 8.30 Warm World 7.00 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Clouded Hills 7.45 Off the Shelf: Enduring Love 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 9.05 World News 7.05 Health Matters 7.30 Clouded Hills 7.45 Off the Shelf: Enduring Love 8.00 Newshour 9.00 World News 9.05 World News 9.05 World News 10.15 Sports Round-Up 10.30 Mutithrack Ht-List 11.00 World News 11.05 Cutiook 11.45 insight 12.00 The World Today 12.30 Warm World 2.00 The World Today 2.30 Warm World 2.00 The World Today 2.30 Warm World 2.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Business Report 3.45 Insight 4.00 The World Today 3.30 World Bu

CLASSIC FM

6.00em Nick Balley's Easier Breakfast Favourite musical 8.00em Nick Balley's Easier Breeklest Favourite musical works, pius regular information updates 9.00 Michael Mappin. The Hall of Farne Hour and CD of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jene Jones presents' listeners' favourites 2.00pm Concerto. Brull (Pieno Concerto No 1) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Continuous Classics and Alternoon Romence 6.30 Newsright. John Brunning presents the latest stories 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of southing sounds 9.00 Evening Concert. C.P.E. Bech (Magnificat); J.C. Bech (Quintet in Dimejor), J.E. Bach (Violin Sonets in Finsjor), J.S. Bach (Orchestral Suite No 3 in Dimejor) 11.00 Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of amblem music 2.00am Concerto. Brull (Pieno Concerto. Brull (Pieno Concerto. Brull) (Pierro Concerto No 1) (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths, The Early

Sign-

14.75

5 E. C.

\$25- - V

ALTERC NO.

ada lan.

2

2000年 | 数

1 77 749 64

176 74.2

en mass

100 3000 48

7 . T. T. A.

フト 海外 楽

Multi

1 14 mayor

1.44

74 ·

944. (

the Finlandia Hall, Helsinki, the second of two concerts exploring mythology in music. Lili Passikivi, mezzo, Helkid Kilpeleinen, beritone, Polytechnic Men's Chorus, Finnish RSO under

Passiévi, mezzo, Helidd Klipeleinen, beritone, Polytechnic Men's Chorus, Finnish RSO under Sakari Oramo, Klami (Lemminkeinen's Adventures in Seari); Sibelius (Kullervo)

9.15 Postscript: The Pes de Deux An Idiosyncratio history of classical duets

9.35 Bach and Shostalcovich Oili Mustonen, piano, plays preludes and fugues from the first book of Bach's The Well-Tempered Clauser

10.00 Volces lein Burnside presents the second of two programmes traveling through 75 years of Schubert leder recordings

10.45 Mibring It Mark Russell and Robert Sandali introduce an al-CD edition

11.30 Jazz Notes This week, Alyn Shipton, celebrates the art of the jezz record producer

12.00 Composer of the Wieelc Delitus (r)

1.00am Through the Night with Donald Macleod.

1.00 Manderling Quartet 2.20 Aliven (Swedish Rhapsody No 1) 2.35 Sibelius (Sonatina, Op 67 No 1) 2.40 Constantin Regamey (Persian Songs) 3.00 Schools: Music Box 3.15 Something To Think About 3.30 EAL: Let's Make a Story 3.45. Stories and Rhymes 4.00 Find Out 4.15 Maris, Challenge 4.30 Hopscotch 4.45 Scottish Resources 7-9 5.00 Mozant (Overture: The Marinage of Rigar) 3.20 Haydin (String Quartet, Op 64 No 2) 5.40 Franck (Prelude, Fugue and Variation)

5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Ashley Gething 6.00 Today with Sue MacGregor and James Naughtle 9.00 Start the Week Discussion programme, hosted by Jersey Paymen

4.30 Turning World Jenni Murray and guests look at human interest stones from around the world 5.00 PM Presented by Chris Lowe and Nigel Wrench 6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Just a Minute Clement Freud, Paul Merton, Richard Moton and Graham Noton try to speak for 60 secoods without hesitation, repetition or deviation at The Fleasance, Edinburgh Fringe. Presented by Nicholas Parsons
7.00 The Arobers Bert gets back in
7.15 Frost Riow Mark Lawson meets the bestselling writer Willium Smith
7.45 The Cay of the Bittern Broadcast earlier as part of Women's Hour (f).
8.00 Men in Black New series. See Choice (1/3)
8.30 Analysis Aridraw Diract questions modern perceptions of weelth
9.00 Neture The fragile balance of nature which exists

8.30 Analysis Andrew Direct duestions modern perceptions of wealth
9.00 Nature The fragile belance of nature which exists on isolated relateds— a balance invertebly leoperdised by human exploitation
9.30 Start the Week Broadcast earlier (r)
10.00 The World Torright With Rober Lustin
10.45 Book at Bedfilmer Start is the Gate David McKell needs Andre Gide's story of lost love (r)
11.00 Late hight on 4. The Pretitest Girl in Texase Selession Beczidewicz's tale of dodov dealings in

Sebastien Baczkiewicz's tale of dodgy dealings in a deluxe Delias motel. With Stuart Miligen and

a delute Dellas motel. With Stuart Miligan and
Laurel Lettor.

11.30 (FM) Crossing Over Robin Denselow talks to
musicians passionale about other cultures,
beginning with Graham Wiggins's mastery of the
dispendo (f).

11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Round-up of the
day's political revis.

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Mask of
Command Tim Pigoti-Smith reads John Keegen's
account of leadership styles (f).

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE, RADIO 1. FM 97.5-93.8, RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2, RADIO 3. FM 90.2-82.4 RADIO 4. FM 52.4-94.6; LW 196; MW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 693, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55em). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089. Television and radio listings compiled by Perry Claveland-Peck, lan Hughes, Gillian Maxey, Jane Gregory and

A little too much revealed on Comic Relief

blame The Full Monty. Chari-ty telethons used to be full of celebrities missing most of the notes in My Way or performing feeble sketches. Now they are full of people taking their clothes off. Last week I made a brief contribution to BBCI's The Heaven and

Earth Show. The producers had read a column about last year's Children In Need expressing Scrooge-like sentiments about charity telethons and wanted someone to say "Bah! Humbug!" in a discussion of Comic Relief (BBC) and 2, Friday).

I agreed only to express some ambivalent, worthy-but-dull worthy-but-dull reservations, because, as they constantly remind us, Comic Relief is different. It does help people to help themselves; it does attempt to educate the public about the political context to the beneficiaries' plight. It is, in the best sense of an all but meaningless expression, im-maculately "PC". Unlike Children

in Need, my own children actually want to watch it, so it becomes a family ritual.

merely for walking on the set. On Comic Relief everyone is a Special Guest Star. But it's all in a good

Putting in an appearance must be all-but compulsory, the list of celebrity participants is so long. Agents probably see it as a profileraising opportunity. It would be more interesting to know who had

turned them down and why.

And I remain doggedly unimpressed that they have given so generously of their time. These are people many of whom earn more in a week than the punters they are asking to dig in their pockets earn in a year. A few hours knocking up a sloppy sketch with your pals isn't exactly a hardship. And some of the sketches and events were unusually sloppy this year, such as the record-breaking "gunging" which didn't actually gunge many of the record number of gungees. It all ends up like a cheesy Amer-

ican sitcom where the "Special

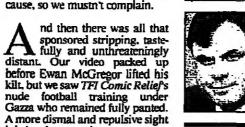
Guest Star" gets frantic applause

"I'll have to leave the country after this!" said Chris Evans with mock embarrassment. Chance would be a fine thing. TV's Mr Arrested Development has engi-neered a chance to flash his willy on television and we're supposed

is hard to conceive.

to believe he's embarrassed? The real problem, I suppose, is that the bulk of the Great British public have to be flattered into doing anything about world

REVIEW cause, so we mustn't complain.



Paul Hoggart

poverty in these orgies of self-congratulatory romping. And that is not the fault of Comic Relief. The story that the charity has deliber-ately played down the fact that it is giving help to asylum-seekers in this country because their cause is unsexy speaks volumes. The abuse of this vilified group is a national scandal, but it seems that pointing this out to the nose-squeaking multitudes would poop the party.

I bet they couldn't raise much for a "Save The Woodlousel" campaign either. Yet as Violent Planet (BBCl, yesterday) showed us, even in our nicer Victorian suburbs. woodlice are in deadly peril every time it rains. Wasps and bees, too can be plunged into a crisis requir-ing immediate humanitarian relief by a sudden downpour.

The sequence about British insects getting swept down gutters or drowned in drinks was a bizarre interlude in this BBC-Discovery Channel co-production. Because most of Deluge, the first of this three-part series, was about devastating flash-floods, hailstones the size of grapefruit and other cataclysmic phenomena.

The photography was, as ever, stunning, the pace frantic, the commentary dripping with solemn portent of ominous doom. Kangaroos raced from charging torrents, snow-hares from avalanches, in feats of over-extended parallel editing that would shame D.W. Griffiths or Steven Spielberg.
"Some scenes contain reconstruc-

tions or simulations," a caption announced at the end. You don't say! It was worth watching for the Amazonian fire-ants' amazine living-raft manoeuvre alone, but this is nature documentary for people with the attention span of a woodlouse falling down a drainpipe.

have never understood what gets people about horse-racing. We all have our blind spots, and racing is one of mine. So I wanthed Chehrenham, Festival of Dreams (Channel 4, yesterday) in the hope that it would throw some light on the mat-ter. The Festival is organised by the racecourse's affably efficient managing director, Edward Gillespie, and attracts crowds on a scale that dwarfs other events. Plane-loads of Irish punters invade the sleepy Gloucestershire

hollow bent on a week of cracking whips and whipping craic.

I was at university with Edward, where we took part in a series of "comedy" revues which were probably, on reflection, dire beyond belief. But it came as no surprise to discover that he is liked and respected by his staff and that his enthusiasm for entertainment. racing and all the trappings thereof remains unterly undiminished.

Everyone obviously had a terrific time, especially Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, for whom the crowds part like the Red Sea when she sallies forth to the reddeck. They lined the Guinness paddock. They lined the Guinness up in serried ranks; the sun shone and the bookies chortled merrily when the favourite didn't win. Even the jockey who fell under a horse emerged with only a broken collarbone. I still don't get it about horse-racing, I'm afraid, but the Cheltenham Festival is obviously an extremely jolly place to be.

Breakfast (72592) 7.00 Breakfast News (18221) 9.00 Holby A Breakfast News (18.221) 9.00 Holby A Morning in Casually (760,3030) 9.10 Kilroy (2588931) 9.55 Docs on the Box (5409689) 10.05 The Venessa Show (6288486) 10.65 News, Weather (3031573) 11.00 What's Up Doc? (9469370) 11.10 Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cock (r) (303,7757) 11.40 On-Call (1790,711) 11.50 Viewers' Reguest (790,7775) 11.58 News Weather Request (7907776) 11.55 News; Weather (7906047) 12.00 Call My Bluff (89660) 12.30pm Top Tip Challenge (4572405) 12.55 The Weather Show (53616405)

1.00 One O'Clock News (T) (89/380) 1.30 Regional News: Weather (59538080) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (35635733)

2.05 Ironside (r) (5899283) **2.55 Through the Keyhole** (r) (T) (3553738) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (6435080) 3.45 Pocket Dragon (5090931) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9710363) 4.10 Anthony Ant (6962757) 4.20 The Littlest Pet Shop (6715979) 4.35 Misery Guts (3019283) 5.00 Newsround (4781009) 5.10 Blue Peter (9478198)

6.35 Neighbours (n. (Tr. (825863)) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (T) (283) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (863) 7.00 A Question of Sport (T) (2270)

7.30 Watchdog Healthcheck Report on the continuing dangers of white asbestos still used in building material (T) (937) 8.00 EastEnders Peggy lelis Pal her worst

tears (T) (6318) 8.30 Mrs Merton and Malcolm Silcom with Caroline Aheme (4/6) (T) (5825) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News. Weather (T) (7641)

9.30 CHOICE Jailbirds New docusoap tracing life in a women-only prison (1/10) (T) (93270)



Under fire: Juan Antonio Samaranch. President of the IOC (10pm

10.00 Panoroma Gavin Hewit investigates how far the Olympic ideal has been tarnished by the alleged use of performanceenhanding drugs (T) (743115). 10.40 Animal Police Stephanic puls

cals out of their misery (T) (853115). 11.10 Harbour Lights (i) (T) (797221) 12.05em The President's Analyst (1967) A psychiatrist is pursued by international spies after being asked to treat the US President Satingal comeas. James Coburn, Directed by Theodore

1.40 Weather (1231210) 1.45 BBC News 24 (68359561)

10.00 Labour of Love (T) (97632) 10.30 Panorama (T) (53/00-17) 11.15 Animal Police (1) (177467) 11.45 Harbour Lights (n. 17) (642467) 12.35am FiLM: The President's Analyst (T) (670900) 2.10 News (9529968) 2.15-6.00 BBC News 24 (52694332)

7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show:
Progu (7417028) 7.05 Teletubbies
(978288) 7.30 Snorks (8362641) 7.50
Blue Peter (3470912) 8.20 Taz-Mania
(5068202) 8.40 Polka Dot Shorts
(1016950) 8.50 Romueld the Reindear
(1012134) 9.00 Space Ark (7634950)
9.10 Short Carant (4396825) 9.30 Whitno 9.10 Short Circuit (4366825) 9.30 Whiting and Pictures (8755931) 9.45 Storytime (8750486) 10,00 Teletubbles (72931) 10,30 Words and Pictures (9295660) 10.45 Words and Fictures (25/25000)
10.45 Watch (9290115) 11.00 Look and Read (3211660) 11.20 Zig Zag (3168660) 11.40 Landmarks (6549641) 12.00 Job Bank (4089009) 12.10pm History Fite (5251738) 12.30 Working Lunch (29776) 1.00 Romuald the Page (58935) 10.00

1.10 War Walks (r) (T) (41773776) 1.40 Hart-Davis on History (35699931) 2.10 Awash with Colour (56459080) 2.40 News; Weather (T) (3203370) 2.45 Match of Their Day (T) (4680844) 3.25 News; Weather (T) (4730196)

3.30 The Village (r) (9487028) 3.55 Kaye (9495047) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (6174592)

4.55 Esther (T) (5159573) 5.30 Whose House? New game show, in which celebrities make investigations to track down the true occupants of a house. Hosted by Ross Kelly (912) 6.00 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (T) (130573)

6.15 The Simpsons (r) (T) (766912) 6.40 The Ren and Stimpy Show Double-bill of surreal antics (r) (T) (639554) 7.00 Internal Affairs Gimpse into the world of greyhound racing (T) (8912)

7.30 Rough Guide to the World Dimitri Doganis and Edith Bowman try to avoid the tourist traps of Japan (T) (689) 8.00 Disaster Reconstruction of the homfic Severn Tunnet rail crash of December 7,

1991 (T) (7660) 8.30 Food and Drink (T) (3467)



Phil Davis, Ray Winstone and Mark Strong don their togas (9pm)

9.00 CROICE Births, Marriages and Deaths Josh's inlimacy with Becky forces Molly rejuctantly to revea the identity of his father (4/4) (T) (9757) 10.00 If I Ruled the World (88931) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (534689)

11.15 Tribe The tensions within a group of competitive Jewish gris (175009) 11.45 Bitesize Britain (T) (215467)

11.55 Weather (634641 12.00 Despatch Box (40061)

12.30am BBC Learning Zone: Open University The Palazzo Publico 1.00 Crossing the Border 1.30 Maarten Van Heemskerck 2.00 Schools Seeing Thoraigh Science 1.5 4.00 Language Make French Your Business Part 2 5.00 Business and Training, Skills for Work 5.45 Open University A Change of Key? 6.10 Scotland in the Enlightenment 6.35 The Impressionist Surface

5.30am ITV Morning News (85554) 6.00 GMTV (5753405) 9.25 Trisha (T) (8985134) 10.30 This Morning (T) (44507028) 12.15pm HTV News and Weather (4088370) 12.30 TTV Lunchtime News (T) (4567573)

12.55 Shortland Street (9994283) 1.30 Home and Away Vinnie's secret is revealed (T) (35607950) 1.55 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (3598514) 2.40 Wheel of Fortune (1) (8267842)

3.10 ITV News Headlines (T) (4739467) 3.15 HTV News (T) (4738738) 3.20 CTV: Mopatop's Shop (4742931) 3.30 Kipper (9702844) 3.40 The Adventures of Captain Pugwash (9782080) 3.55 Cogy and the Cockroaches (5071283) 4.05 You'll Never Believe It (6167202) 4.30 Potterguests (486)

5.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (5202)
5.30 WEST: Garden Calendar Sue King asks gardening experts Alan and Felicity Down for advice (T) (738)

5.30 WALES: House to House Makeovers in Llandrindod (T) (738) 5.58 HTV Weather (494283)

6.00 HTV News (T) (979) 6.30 ITV Evening News; Weather (T) (931) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (806399) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Anthea Turner

tours Tuscany, Lynda Beilingham sees the sights in Minorca, Julian Ballantyne takes a break in Florida and Martin Roberts relaxes in Orkney (T) (2738) 7.30 Coronation Street Tracy goes on a shopping spree (T) (115) 8.00 Who Wants To Be a Millionaire?

Ultimate big-prize game show (T) (1486) 8.30 Cop Shop Inspector Clive Ayling gets news about his promotion, and Ross's secret romance with Kristina is revealed. prompting much good-natured ribbing from their colleagues (2/8) (T) (3221)



Kavanagh (John Thaw) defends a

9.00 CEGICE Kavanagh QC A young man charged with kulling his girlmend is defended by Kavanagh, who s trustrated by his client's reluctance to explain what happened (2/4) (T) (3958)

10.30 The Grimleys Geraldine organises a 11.00 ITV Nightly News; Weather (T) (561863) 11.20 HTV News and Weather (T) (430554) 11.30 Fitz Police uncover evidence suggesting 12.25am Football Extra Highlights (4935326)

1.25 World Football (r) (9248993) 2.00 Rio Diablo (1993) An ageing bounty hunter helps a man to track down his bride, who was kidnapped on their

wedding day by cutlaws. Western, starring Kenny Rogers and Stacy Keach. Directed by Rod Hardy (791516) 3.35 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (2758603) 4.35 ITV Nightscreen (46457968)

5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (15516)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.20-12.30pm Central News; (7233738)12.55 Home and Away (4575592)

1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4147486) 2.10-2.40 High Road (56486134) 3.15-3.20 Central News: Weather (4738738) 5.30 Shortland Street (738)

6.00-6.30 Central News at Sb; Weather 11.20-11.30 Central News; Weather (430554) 4.30am Central Jobfinder '99 (4581535)

5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (3373622) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.15pm Westcountry News (4088370) 12.27-12.30 Illuminations (7241757)

12.55-1.25 Westcountry Lunchtime Live; Weather (4575592) 1.25 The Jerry Springer Show (4147486) 2.10-2.40 Home and Away (56486134)

3.15-3.20 Westcountry News; Weather 4.58-5.00 Birthday People (7844689)

5.30 Animal SOS (738) 6.00-6.30 Westcountry Live; Weather (979) 11.20-11.30 Westcountry News; Weather (430554)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian AS HV West except: 12.15pm-12.30 Meridian News; Weather (4088370) 5.30 Country Ways (r) (T) (738) 6.00-6.30 Meridian Tonight (T) (979) 7.29-7.30 Meridian Weather (140370) 11.20 Meridian News; Weather (T) (430554) 11.30-12.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (463680) 5.00am-5.30 Freescreen (T) (15516)

ANGLIA As HTV West except: 12.19pm Anglia Air Watch (7245573) 12.20-12.30 Anglia News and Weather (7233738) 5.25-5.30 Take It On (8466824) 5.30-6.00 Anglia News Monday Extra; Weather (T) (738) 6.00-6.30 Anglia News (T) (979) 11.19 Anglia Air Watch (606893) 11.20-11.30 Anglia News and

Weather (T) (430554) SAC Starts: 5.55am Sesame Street (r) (20129950) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (67828009) 9.00 Ysgolion: The English Programme (99108202)

Geography Junction (74009405) 9.45 Book Box (74097660) 10.00 Stage Two Sci (91852844) 10.15 Scotscapes (91842467) 10.30 Place and People (51570028) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (78216347) 11.00 Deuparth Gwelth (15915776) 11.15 The Mbs (15905399) 11.30 Here's One I Made Earlie (r) (T) (68270589) 12.00pm Right to Reply (T) (97059757) 12.30 Sesame Street (T) (26877202) 1.00 Planed Plant (T) (67821196) 1.30 Channel 4 at Cheltenham (26876573) 2.00 Time Team (T) (73905689) 3.00 Return to the Lost Gardens of Heligan (10/10) (T) (9013508 0) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (67147080) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (67166115) 4.30 The Montel Williams Sho (i) (67162399) 5.00 Planed Plant (90147825) 5.30 Countdown (T) (67186979) 6.00 Newyddion 6 (T) (93495912) 6.10 Heno (T) Newyddion 6 (T) (93495912) 6.10 Heno (T) (86985115) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (T) (90167689) 7.30 Newyddion (T) (67163028) 8.00 Dudley (T) (90143009) 8.30 Pwy Di Pwy? (T) (90155844) 9.00 Taro New (T) (68259196) 9.30 Sgorio (T) (63630383) 10.35 Father Ted (T) (35717405) 11.05 Cutting Edge (T) (68639844) 12.05am Cheltenham: Festival of Dreams (3880023) 10.5 Chemisl A st Cheltenham (F) (7) (130899332) 1.05 Channel 4 at Cheltenham

(87485177) 1.35 Diwedd 4.00 Ysgolion:

CHANNEL 4

esame Street (4210202) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (12301)

9.00 Schools: The English Programme (9374955) 9.25 Schools at Work (8803844) 9.30 Down to Earth (8757399) 9.45 Book Box (8745554) 10.00 Slage Two Science (9952592) 10.15 Scotscapes (9942115) 10.30 Place and People (1506738) 10.50 Stop, Look, Listen (8876009) 11.00 Rat-A-Tat-Tat (3159912) 11.15 The Mbx (3172863)

11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (r) (T) (1844) 12.00 Sesame Street (T) (72370) 12.30pm Bewitched (r) (T) (14844)

1.00 Channel 4 at Cheltenham Preview of the festival (7853134) the restival (7853134)

1.35 The Three Stooges (r) (T) (74521216)

1.55 The Man Who Loved Redheads

(1954) A diplomat attempts to refive a passionate youthful filing by embarking on a series of affairs with women who resemble his former lover. Romanbo drama, with John Justin. Directed by Hardel Franch CD (75204318)

Harold French (T) (75204318) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (739) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (844)

4.30 Countdown (T) (3036950) 4.55 Montel Williams Men dating their daughters' friends (T) (5144641) 5.30 Pet Rescue Presented by Wendy Turner and Mark Evans (T) (680)

6.00 Roseanne As the family struggle to cope with the death of her father, Roseanne is left to console the others and make the funeral arrangements (1) (T) (221) 6.30 Hollyoaks Tony tries to impress (T) (573)

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (664282) 7.55 Bodyscapes Why people sweat in moments of anxiety (T) (924554)

8.00 To the Ends of the Earth The anthro-pologist Tudor Parlitt uses genetic research to determine whether Africa's Lemba tribe are of Jewish descent, as they claim (T) (5399) 9.00 CHOICE Cutting Edge Compelling portrait of the gun (T) (8963)



Matt Diilon stars as a disruptive

10.00 The Outsiders (1983) A teenager from the wrong side of the tracks leads a high school gang against the town's rich kids. Melodrama, with Matt Dillon, C. Thomas Howell and Tom Cruise. Directed by Francis Ford Coppola (T) (972221) 1.40 Channel 4 at Chelter ham Preview of

the festival (r) (T) (543757) 12.15am The Calendar (1948) McCallum stars as a racehorse owner accused of fixing a race. Comedy thriller, with Greta Gynt and Raymond Loveli. Directed by Arthur Crabtree (9822245) 1.40 Dispatches (r) (T) (2977993)

2.45 Right to Reply (r) (T) (8789516) 3.10 The Client Reggie is assigned to protect a couple from an enraged family member out to prevent their forthcoming mamage (r) (8570429) 4.00 Schools

CHANNEL 5 6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport

and business (1804450) 7.00 WideWorld Part 17. Projects bringing education to the people (r) (T) (8927863) 7.30 Milicshakei (2459689)

7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (4438318) 8.00 Havakazoo (r) (2644641)

8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (2643912) 9.00 Was It Good for You? (r) (2466739) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4203660) 9.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (3736919) 10.20 Sunset Beach Meg confronts Ben (T)

11.10 Leeza (8460711)

12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (2654028) 12.30 Family Affairs Pete gets comeuppance (r) (T) (1025950) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Jessica is urged to tell Dylan about the rape (T) (8926134)

1.30 The Roseanne Show Entertainment show: 5 News Update (1024221)
2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (9903950)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Mums. Enc Knowles with Selling the Family Silver and word game Cryptogram, 5 News Update (151878) 3.30 Codename: Dancer (TVM 1987) A schoolteacher returns to her former career as a government agent to rescue

an American sov held hostage in Cuba.

Thriller, starring Kate Capshaw. Directed by Buzz Kulik (T) (3832455) 5.20 5 News (93976459) 5.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (14993270)

5.30 100 Per Cent (2257318) 6.00 5 News; Weather Kirsty Young rounds up the day's stories (T) (2247931) 6.30 Family Affairs Gabby and Declan get intimate (1) (2238283)

7.00 Knight Rider Adventure series about a hi-tech vigilante and his interactive car. David Hasselhoff stars (r) (9981738) 7.30 Natural Passions Documentary charting the work of bush patrols to eradicate poaching and the international trade in rare species (T); 5 News Update

(2234467) minimalist garden in Leicestershire (6/14) (T) (9990486)

8.30 Animal ER Keith Cutler performs an emergency Caesarean on a cow, wh Margaret Goddard is visibly shocked by a neglected dog brought in for treatment (5/6) (T); 5 News Update (9902221)

1.1.75

10.0

 $(a,b)^{\prime}=(a,b)$

111....

2.图文:

......

9.00 An Occasional Hell (TVM 1996) A policeman-turned-college professor talls back on his investigative skills to hunt a colleague's killer - and is disturbed to find all evidence pointing towards the dead man's wife. Thriller, starring Tom Berenger, Valeria Golino and Robert Davi. Directed by Salome Breziner (T); 5 News Update (81002405)

10.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update The latest pop 10.55 V Resistance fighters protect the Earth's

water supply (r) (84095196) 12.45am Live and Dangerous Action from the Winter X Games (65005719) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H Lou faces

charge of accessory to murder (7938790) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8546697)

VIDEO Plus+ and VIDEO Plus+ codes
The numbers after each programme are for VIDEO
Plus+ programming, just enter the VIDEO Plus+
programming, just enter the VIDEO Plus+
programments for the relevant programments into your
video recorder for easy taping.
For more details: call VIDEO Plus+ on 0640 750710.
Calls charged at Z5p per minute at all times.
VIDEO Plus+®, 14 Blacklands Tirc, London, SW3 25P
VIDEO Plus+®, 14 Blacklands Tirc, London, SW3 25P
VIDEO Plus+®, 18 a registered trademark of Gemistar
Development Corporation. © 1998

• For further listings see

SKY ONE SKY ONE

7.00am Cront Declarate (\$3300° 7.20 Telegraph Cront Events Declarate (\$3300° 7.20 Telegraph Cront Events Declarate (\$3500° 7.20 Telegraph (\$3500° 7.20

SKY BOX OFFICE

Sky's pay-per-view movie channels. SNY BOX OFFICE 1 of regarder 511 Frestors (1997) SNY BOX OFFICE 1 fine pend in 60 Fallen (1997) SN BOY CEFFICE of this good with Frustor (1997) SKY BOX OFFICE & Transports (2) Double Team (1997)

SKY PREMIER 6.00am Last Stand at Saber River (1997) (7860037) 7.35 Evita (1995) (6) (6) (7.35 Evita (1995) (6) (6) (7.35 Evita (1995) (6) (6) (7.35 Evita (1995) (7.45 Evita (1995) (7.45 Evita (1997) (7.45 Evita (1997)

11.30 Last Stand at Safer River (1997) (96006476) 1.15 Ewita (1996) (96076476) 1.25 Ewita (1996) (96076476) 3.30 Burk Norman of rm Nicht John 5.00 Little Monsters (1999) (87070 8.00 Indopendence Day (1996) (1036279) 10.25 The Unioushables (1987) (103679) 12.250m Steepers (1996) (7302719) 2.50 Some Moliter's Son (1996) (5676750) SKY MOVIEMAX 7.00am Formies Fatalia: (204) 7.30 Move Mage (140) 134 8.15 Action Heross, (2120) 11.9.00 Coyote Summer (1996) 2120 12.9.00 Coyote Summer (1996) (2120312) 9.00 Coyote Summer (1996) (2120312) 9.00 Coyote Summer (1996) (20216) 11.00 Ed (1996) (25) 5: 1.00pm Southes Edalics (30775) 1.30 Move: Mayor

15597761 2.15 Action (Herror (Fo.21467)

Coyote Summor (1996) (3722*) 7.00 Ed (1996) (77253) 8.30 Joo's Apartment (1996) (79425 18.00 Moneta (2727) 11.00 Bound (1996) (757573) 12.50am Next of Kin (1998) (37576) 2.40 Home Invation (1997) (734576) 2.40 Home Invation (7577) (734576) 2.40 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991) (572569) SKY CINEMA

FILMFOUR 6.00pm His Girl Friday (1940) (40440199) 7.35 (1944) (1984) 8.00 1984 (1984) 7.35 (med.) (790-75) 8.00 1984 (1984) (5716-77) 9.40 76-06 (705) 37) 10.15 Mourice (1987) (4570-554-1 12.40-8 Another Country (1984) (569) 77-2.10 Sunday (1997) (140-405) 3.40 Sefore

9.00pm Lust for Life (1956) (63:09912) 11.30 The VIPs (1963) (63:53135) 1.45am The Velking Stick (1970) (51:03:64:03:30 Escept from East Berlin (1962) (52:46:710) 5.00 Close

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00am Festinal Service 8.30 Ships Shape 9.00 Rephy News 9.30 Advances 10.00 Shape in Festinal Sectinal 11.00 Festinal Cogard Assaws 12.00 Annotes 12.30pm which is Wester 3.00 Festinal Section 2.30 Spotech Festinal 4.30 Festinal and Jeograf Want 6.00 Mar Festina 6.00 Section Control 6.00 Shape with 7.00 Festinal Coming 6.30 White is Value and 7.00 Foodbar Leurus, Proves 8.00 Secrit - uniter - Livy 9.30 Whith is the shared 10.00 Sports Centre 10.15 You to On Shi Sports 11.00 Feetball Leaner Preside 12.00 Shorts Conge 12.15pm House On Shi Sports 1.00 Ecanes Pours. 12.00 Shorts Conse 12.15pm house Co. Shi Sports 1.00 Fouts II Lingue Roses 2.00 Total Sport 2.30 Sports Centra 2.45 Chise

7.00am Assesses On Save 7.30 Raping

Now 8.00 US Got 11.00 European Tear Grit 1.00pm diseases 1 3.00 Line attentional Cheket 10.00 Table Teams 11.00 Title Spot 11.30 World Moor Spot

2.30am kerrest and Bour 4.30 Sports Control 4.45 Control

SKY SPORTS 2

4.00pm Desilhation Gobi (1953) 1.017.13(3) 5.30 Howards End (1982) 1.017.13(3) 8.00 The Seven-Ups (1973) 1.1024.5 10.00 Rebecca (1940) 1.1024.5 12.10pm Days of Glory (1944) 1.025.15(3) 1.40 Quartet (1979)

o (1995) (3429/200) 6.00 Class

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Fugby League 1.30pm Badminton 5.00 Feebolt League Review 6.00 Table Tennis 7.00 Villar 7.30 Total Sport 8.00 Materialistic Bowls 10.00 Wonderful World of Gof 11.00 Gorden Age of Motor Recong. A to 2 of Motor Sport 11.30 Close

EUROSPORT 7.30am Equestranism 8.30 Alpine Sking 9.36 Blathon 11.00 Rally 11.30 Speed Skatriz 12.30pm Equestranism 1.30 Shower 3.00 Shildumping 4.00 Women's Edmon 5.00 Truck Sports 6.00 Adventure 8.30 Zirk 5.00 Edmon 18.00 Externe Sports 8.00 Zirk 5.00 Edmon 18.00 Experts 10.00 8.00 Trais 9.00 Boring 10.00 Football Entrageurs 11.30 Football 12.30am Close

UK GOLD 7.00em Crossicado 7.30 Mergibours 7.55 Saziendors 8.30 The BJI 8.30 Phds and Populado 10.30 Phdds 11.50 Dialas 11.55 Regionarios 12.25pm EastEndors 1.00 Julie Saxo 2.00 Dialas 2.55 The BJI 3.55 Saxifindors 4.30 Phdds 2.50 Alf Creations Saxifindo Spatial 6.00 Dialaster 7.00 East Sheat and Shall 6.00 Dynasty 7.00 Ever Decreating Orders 7.40 Dads Army 8.20 The Binnas Septem 8.00 Casuaty 10.05 Shert Windows 11.50 The Bill 12.50am Blabladder the Third 1.25 French and Saunders 2.00 Cangerleid 3.00 Shopping

GRANADA PLUS 6.00am Within These Walls 7.00 Holding the For: 7.30 Odd Couple 8.00 Hallelush 8.30 The Many Wives of Patrick 9.00 Cassic Corpnaion Street 9.30 Emmerdale no 10.00 Upstairs Downstairs 11.00 The enter Touch 12.00 Classic Coronation Street 12.30cm Emmerdate Farm 1.00 The Mar: Vn.es of Patrok 1,30 Me and My Gri 2,00 Upstars, Downstars 3,00 The Love Boa: 4,00 The Professionals 5,00 Hart to Han 6,00 Emmerdale Farm 6,30 Classic Coronaron Street 7.00 The Professionals 8.00 Berry, Hill 9.00 The Sweeney 10.00 Brun Conley 10.30 Wheeltappers and

5.80pm What's Cooking? 5.30 Gndlock

8 00 15 Two Nives 6.30 Our House 7.00

Shife On, Harry Moon 8.00 Birds of a Feather 8.30 A kind of Lumg 9.00 The Ruth Rendell Mysteres 10.00 Big Sky 11.00 Ha Street Blues 12.00 My Two Wives 12.30mm

CARLTON SELECT

SATELLITE, CABLE AND DIGITAL Charles Martin Smith, Kevin Costner, Sean Connery and Andy

Garcia are The Unitous

DISNEY CHANNEL 5.00pm Gumm Bears 6.26 Classic Teoris 6.35 Tate Spin 7.00 Classic Toons 7.10 Aladdin 7.35 101 Damahans 8.00 Good Troop 8.25 Classic Toons 8.45 New Adventuros of Winner the Pools 9.00 The Adventures of Spot 9.05 Anomal Shell 9,15 Accentance of Spot State Anthra Shore 3, Pocker Dagons 9,30 Bear in the Big Blue House 9,55 The Toolhoush Farmly 10,00 Big State 10,10 Rose and Jim 10,30 The Big Garago 10,45 PB and J Otte 11,00 Sesama Stroot 12,00 The Adventures of Sox 12.05em Annual Shoil 12.15 Pock Spot 12.05pts Armai Stot 12.1s Pooks Dragons 12.30 Bear in the Big Blue House 12.55 The Toothbrush Family 1.00 Blue Size 1.10 Rose and Jim 1.30 The Big Gazage 1.45 PB and J Otter 2.00 New Adventures of Winne the Pooh 2.30 Quadr Pack 3.00 The Little Mermand 3.30 Art Altack 4.00 101 Into use serman state Art Artable 4.00 (c) Dalmaters 4.30 Horaules. The 17 Show 5.00 Recess 5.15 Pepper Ann 5.30 Smart Guy 6.00 Recess 5.15 Pepper Ann 5.30 Smart Guy 6.00 Recess 8.00 Recess World 7.00 FU.NC Cinderella (1997) 6.25 Horey, IStrunk the Kids. The TV Show 9.10 Double Dimosaurs 10.00 Home Improven

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am Adventures of Dodo 6.05 Power NICKELODEON

Angest Turbo 6.55 Spdeman 7.20 Oggy and the Cockroaches 7.30 Donivey Kong Courty 6.00 Hero Turbe 8.25 The Incredible Hulk 8.50 Iron Man 9.15 Fantasho Four 9.40 X-Men 10.05 Casper 18.30 Oggy and the Cockroaches 10.55
Eek! Stravaganza 11.05 Bobby's World
11.30 Life with Louis 11.55 Home to Rent
12.05pm Dennis and Grasher 12.50
Donkey Kong Country 1.00 Mongi 1.25
Ace Ventura 1.55 The Incredible Hufs 2.20 kon Man 2.45 Fartastic Four 3.10 X-Men 3.30 X-Press 3.35 Spiderman 4.00 Goosebumps 4.26 Hero Turtles 4.50 Casper 5.00 Dennis and Grastier 5.30 Ace Vertura 6.00 Donkey Kong Country 6.36 Feld Stravagenza 6.55 Oggy and the Cockroaches 7.00 Close

6.00am Rocko's Modern Life 6.30 Bruno the Kid 7.00 CatDog 7.30 Rugrats 8.00 The Wid Thomberrys 8.30 Arthur 9.00 Children's BBC 10.00 Wirnze's House 10.30 Papa Beaver Stories 11.00 The Magic School Bus 11.30 PB Beer/Budge the Little Helicoptes/Animal Artics/Family ss 12.00 Rugrais 12.30pm Blue's Que 1,00 Bananas in Pyramas 1,30 Little Bear 1,00 Bananas in Pyramas 1,30 Little Bear Stones 2,00 Paddington Beer etc 2,30 Children's BBC 3,30 Doug 4,00 Three Phends and Jeny 4,30 Rugrets 5,00 Seter Sister 5,30 Kenan and Kel 6,00 Periford

TROUBLE 7.00am USA High 7.30 Cty Guys 8.00 Saved by the Bell The New Class 8.30 Hang Time 9.00 Tempest 9.50 On the Make 10.00 Echo Pont 10.30 Heady or Not 12.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 12.30pm in the House 1.00 Sevest 1.30 Tempest 2.30 On the Make 2.30 Hollycalis 3.00 Ready or Not 3.30 Cty Guys 4.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 1.30 The House 5.00 Saved 1.30 The Bell The New Class 5.30 Sweet Veilay High 6.00 USA Holly Sweet Veilay High 6.00 USA Holl Seves 1.30 Sweet 1.30 Sweet Veilay High 6.00 USA Holl Seves 1.30 Sweet 1.30 Sweet

eet Valley High 6.00 USA High 6.30 wes, Gernes and Videos 7.00 Sweat 7.30 Hang Time BRAVO 8.00pm Martial Law 9.00 Setreme Championship Wiestling 9.30 Cops 10.00 The Late Lounge 10.30 Erotic Contessions Tine tate boungs train bronz Contessors Tinoo Fillik: Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (1977) 1.00em Brotz Contessors 1.30 The Late Lourge 2.00 Mantal Law 3.00 Fillik: Let's Get Leidi (1977) 5.00 Externe Champonship Wresting 5.30 Cops 6.00 Cose

PARAMOUNT COMEDY 7.00pm Jenny 7.30 Grace Under Fire 8.00 Elen 8.30 Spin City 8.00 Drop the Deed Dorley 8.30 Whose Line is it Anywest 10.00 Fissier 10.30 Cheers 11.00 Sentekt 11.30 The Leny Sanders Show 12.00 Late Night with David Letterman 1.00sm Taxi 1.30 Frontine 2.00 Dr Katz 2.30 Tibs and Fibs 3.00 Nightstand 3.38 Abbott and Costello 4.00 Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL SATELLITE: 8pm-MIDNIGHT ONLY

7.30am Bloombaro Information Tele-10.00 Oueraum Leep 11.50 Dark Stratows 11.30 New Alfred Hachcock 12.00 The Twilight Zone 1.00pm Tales of the Unexpected 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected

Magic and Miracles 3.00 Bal region and market state constant castler. ca 4.00 The incredible Hulk 5.00 Sgiftings 6.00 Time Trax 7.00 Quantum Leap 8.00 The Cape 9.00 Bebyton 5 10.00 Fillish Timecop (1994) 12.00 VR 5 1.00em Fil.ht. Polhergelst It: The Other Side (1986) 2.40 Sci-Folias Special 2.00 Dark Shedows 3.30 Dark Shedows 4.00 Close

HOME & LEISURE ROWIE & LEISUME

8.00em Today's Gournet 8.30 Graham
her 7.00 Room Servee 7.30 The Paritied
House 8.00 Wedding Stor 8.30 A Beby
Sony 9.00 Smight Pariting 9.30 The Greet
Gardering Piot 10.00 Instant Gardens
10.30 Two's Country Cooling 11.00 The
Diceman 11.25 The Home and Leisure
House 11.30 Rex Hurt's Fishing
Adventures 12.00 Our House Down Under
12.30pm Antiques Trail 1.00 Our House
1.30 Homelime 2.00 New Yerkee
Workshop 2.30 Home Again with Bob Vita
3.00 This Old House with Steve and Norm
3.30 Crarie West Fishing

3.30 Charlie West Fishing DISCOVERY 1.00pm Rex Hurti Fishing Adventures 4,30 A River Somewhere 5.00 Hitler 6.00 Wildlide A River Somewhere 5.00 Heler 6.00 Wildlie SCS 6.30 Unlarmed Ainca 7.30 The Cuest 8.00 Nick's Quest 8.30 The Supemelural 9.00 Killer Qualité 10.00 Amazing Earth 11.00 Test Plights 12.00 The Great Egyptans 1.00am Hiter 2.00 Close

ANIMAL PLANET 12.00 The New Adventures of Black Beauty 12.30pm Hollywood Salani 1.30 Deedly Australiens 2.00 It's a Vet's Life 2.30 Human/Nature 3.30 Harry's Practica 4.00 Jack Harra's Ammal Adventures 4.30 Ammal Doctor 5.00 Per Rescue 6.30 Crocodie Hunter 6.00 The New Adventures of Black Beauty 6.36 Lasse 7.00
Rediscovery of the World 8.00 Animal Dector 8.30 Going Wild with Jeff Coren 9.00 Wild at Heart 9.30 Emergency Vets 10.00 The Savage Season 11.00 Breed All About it. Greyhounds 11.30 Emergency Vets 14.00 Core Vets 12.00 Clos

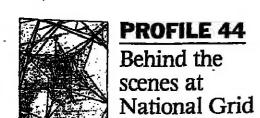
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 7.00pm World of the Kingfisher 7.30 Okavango Diary 8.00 Land of the Anaconda Owareago Leary audit and or me Areaconde 9.06 Ron Hawn Freelence in a World of Rick 10.00 The Mystery of the Cocarne Murranes 11.00 Lost Worlds: In Search of Human Origins — Part Times 12.00 Cn the Edge, Nuclear Nomads 12.30am On the HISTORY

4.00pm Vietnam: America in Vietnam 6.00 Project Cancelled. The Fairey Deta Two 6.00 Ancient Egypt: Quest for Immortality 7.00 Fabulous Fortunes, Lucky Strike 7.30

CARLTON FOOD 9.00am Food Network Daily 9.30 Conon's Kachen College 10.00 The Restaurant Stow 10.30 First Teste 11.00 Worrall Thompson Cooks 11.30 A Sice of the Action 12.00 Food Network Daily 12.30pm Nordic Nosh 1.00 Coxon's Kachen College 1.30 Tessa's Tastebuds 2.00 Linch with Ed. Banes 2.30 Food Network Daily 2.00 Cooked in a Flash 2.30 A Sice of the Action 4.00 Grape Expectations 4.30 Gordon Remsay's Pession for Flavour 5.00 Close 1 8.00 Fig. 1 LIVING

Greedysaurus and the Geng 6.45 Philbert the Frog 6.50 Polica Dot Shorts 7.00 Practical Parenting 7.05 Profesor Buthle 7.30 Califor James 8.25 Bug Alert 7.55 Process Parenting 8.00 Barney and Frenchs 8.25 Betalloos 8.30 Tiny Tales 8.35 Tiny and Crew 8.50 Practical Parenting 9.00 Special Raines 6.45 The Presenting 9.00 Special Raines 6.45 The Presenting 9.00 Special Babies 9.30 The Roseanne Show 10.00 Balses 8.30 The Roseame Show 10.00 Maury Powch 11.40 Brooksida 12.10pm Through the Keyhole 12.40 Rescue 911 1.10 Beyond Belsid: Fact or Fiction 1.40 Maury Powich 2.30 Special Babies 3.00 The Living Room 3.90 Michael Cole 4.40 Through the Keyhole 5.10 The Heart Is On 5.40 Resoly, Steady, Cook 6.15 The Jerry Springer Show 7.05 Rescue 911 7.35 Annual Rescue 8.00 LA Law 9.00 PRUM: Lowing EvangeRing LA Law 9.00 Pil.M: Loving Evangeling (1996) 11.00 Sex Files II 12.00 Closs

5.00cm Amar Kaiheyen 5.30 Sa Re Ga Na 6.00 Your Zindagi 6.30 Geet Gata Chai 7.00 Faith 7.30 News 8.00 Ru-Ba-Ru 8.30 Tara 9.00 Jaan 9.30 Banegi Apri Baet 19.00 Pai-Do-Pai 11.00 Jhai Par Khane 11.30 Parempara 12.00 FILM 3.00pm Notebrer Ret 8.30 Nee Pe Nota 4.00 Arbor Pithal 4.30 Chr Corporet 8.00 Lug Streepe Birbel 4.30 Outz Contest 5.00 Lave Strong Single 4.30 Unit Contest 8.00 Love Stones 5.30 Chahal Aur Natrat 6.00 Muse; Mag 6.20 Teacher 7.00 Ghar Jamel 7.30 Ferr Baeten 8.00 News 8.30 Mausem 9.00 Se Pe Ga Ma 10.00 Big Debate 11.00 Shapath 11.30 Blunt Two 12.00 News 12.30sm Aep Ki Arialat 1.00 Kami



BUSINESS

Base rates fall not over, says Roger Bootle



BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

MONDAY MARCH 15 1999



Utilities in London face road-up fine

ENGINEERS and legal ex-perts at the Corporation of London will meet tomorrow to consider measures to combat the long-running traffic chaos in the City caused by endless roadworks carried out by utilities (Martin Waller writes).

The meeting has been brought forward by the Lord Mayor, Lord Levene of Portsoken, who is keen to see the Corporation given new powers to co-ordinate such roadworks and keep disruption to a mimimum.

This week a Private Member's Bill from Christopher Fra-ser. Conservative MP for Mid-Dorset and North Poole, which would give local authorities power to fine utilities who overrun time limits, again goes before the House of Commons. Last Friday the Bill failed to gain a second reading.

But Lord Levene has asked the Corporation to look at other ways of cutting the number of holes dug in the City's roads. The record is thought to be held by Bishopsgate, which, over a three-year period, was dug up 333 times.

ACROSS

I Asymmetrical: biassed (4)

8 Evenly spaced (7)

11 (French) tiff (11)

13 Superfluity (6)

dent (4-7)

20 Friendship (5)

21 Giving case (7)

22 (Human) statuette (8)

10 Deprives of feeling (5)

3 In professional training (8)

15 Absence of social conscience

17 Able to regulate body hear, ar-

23 Disease-causing organism

TIMES

Rover offered £200m in aid for productivity

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR
AND CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Government will tomorrow offer BMW, the German carmaker, an unprecedented £200 million aid-for-productivity deal to save Rover's troubled Longbridge plant and up to 10,000 jobs.

Amid rising optimism that the plant's long-term survival can be safeguarded, Stephen Byers, the Trade Secretary, is preparing to tell the compa-ny's top officials that substan-tial state aid is available — but that it must be matched by a big investment by BMW (up to El billion) and that govern-ment help will be tied to in-

creased efficiency. Mr Byers will propose that while some of the £200 million RENAULT MAY BEVERSE WIFE

RENAULT, the French car manufacturer, is to purchase a 40 per cent stake in Nissan for about £2.6 billion this week, according to Asahi Shimbun, the leading Japanese financial newspaper (Caroline Merrell writes).

A deal with the troubled Japanese carmak-

er would push Renault into the big league. It would become the fourth-biggest car company in terms of output, ahead of Volkswagen and DaimlerChrysler. Renault is number ten worldwide in terms of car output, well behind Nissan, which is ranked sixth. But Nissan's debts and losses, coupled with its

shrinking market capitalisation, gave Renault a chance to forge a global alliance in which it would not be a junior partner. "A company like Honda is worth three or four times Renault. The likelihood of a bal-

anced alliance would be slim. We need some one who's looking for a deal," said Louis Schweitzer, Renault's chairman, last week. A key issue is Nissan's debt load — \$17 billion (£10 billion) at the end of 1998. The money from Renault would be used to reduce debt and finance a restructuring. Renault would ask for three seats on the board.

paid in instalments over a fiveyear period and will be dependent on the company showing that productivity is increasing.

The workers at Longbridge have already backed producgovernment money will be tivity improvements; the Gov-paid up front, the rest will be ernment is looking to the company to invest in skills training and plant redesign.

If BMW agrees to the deal and ministers are optimistic that it will - it will be presented by the Government as a "new Labour solution". It will

out" for a failing company and that any government assistance is clearly targeted. The Government is expected to finalise its package today, which will include direct gov-

ernment money, some from the European Union, and local authority and training and enterprise council grants. Tomorrow and on Wednesday there are expected to be high-level contacts between the Government and BMW to dis-

for Rover and the Government will take place in Munich on Thursday, when BMW's supervisory board meets to make a decision. The date is the fifth anniversary of the £800 million purchase of Rover.

Ministers hope that the deal will be enough to persuade the company to go for Rover and to reject a rival Hungarian offer. The Government of the latter is believed to be offering tax breaks and flexible working patterns to BMW. Within the company there are signs

that the damage to BMW's reputation that would result from a decision to wind down the main Rover plant is likely tip the scales in favour of Britain. However, Tony Blair has

been anxious to counter the impression that Labour is an easy touch for flagging indus-tries, hence the insistence on in-

this, hence the insistence on increased productivity.

BMW has suggested during talks that the factory will need to produce 500,000 vehicles a year to be viable in the long-term. The company has already poured more than £2 billion into the ailing plant over lion into the ailing plant over the past eight years. Joachim Milberg, BMW's new chief executive, is believed to favour keeping Longbridge open but wants to scale down the level of the investment planned.

| Ford, the US carmaker, said yesterday that there was no question of it closing its South Wales plant or shedding jobs there. John Gardiner, Ford's spokesman in Britain, was responding to reports that Alum Michael, the Welsh Secretary.

Deloitte & Touche under the microscope

accountant, is being investigated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales over its auditing of Capi-tal Corporation, the troubled

gaming group, which issues full-year results this week. The Department of Trade and Industry is also under-stood to be interested in the outcome of the investigation, which is being conducted by the Professional Standards Office, after it received a file of complaints about the running of Capital. The investigation is understood to centre on Deloitte's auditing of Capital's 1995, 1996 and 1997 accounts,

1995, 1996 and 1997 accounts, all of which were given unqualified audit reports.

During this period the running of Capital — best known for its Crockfords casino in Mayfair — has been the subject of a great deal of controversy, with allegations of gaming fraud, petty theft and lack of controls. There was also concontrols. There was also concern about the fact that no accounts were produced by Capital's pension fund for five years.

There was also an unseemly row over whether the company should have issued a profit warning in October 1996. In the midst of this the company was subject to a hostile takeover hid from London Chubs International, which failed only when the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

mission blocked it.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE, the when it emerged that there were difficulties with the internal controls at Capital Corporation. Deloitte is understood to have asked for a "formal note of undertaking by the Board of Capital Corporation" to address this before it would

sign off the accounts.
This undertaking was given, but many of the problems continued. The then chief exec-urive, Kenneth Thompson, commissioned external re-ports from Price Waterhouse, the accountant, Network Security, the private detective, and Andrew Tottenham, a gaming expert. These inquir-ies found a series of problems with both the running of the company and the checks being made by Deloitte.

In October 1996 Mr Thompson was taken ill. While he was away from the company. it became clear that the group's profits would fall well below City expectations.

However, after a meeting of the board and its advisers which included Hambros, the merchant bank, and Deloitte
— it was decided that a profits warning would not be issued. Though not at the meeting, Mr Thompson argued that this was the wrong thing to do. The 1996 results appeared in March 1997. The accounts were not qualified despite many of the issues highlighed in the 1995 audit not having been fully addressed.

T. W.

Ung

and the same g adres . . .

240 L

(1050/mill) - 10 - 1

OFF BRILLY .. T.

OF STREET

Missippy.

ETTERS ...

I WILL

WHERE.

BRISINEN

MINESS .

FEITHER

VI 75



Capital Corporation was best known for its Crockfords casino

cuss the Government's propos-ed terms. The crunch meeting emphasise that it is not a "bail-**Insurers' pension fear** may cost City billions

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent

THE City is facing the loss of billions of pounds of revenue as insurance companies, fear-ful of another mis-selling scandal, stop selling personal persion plans that fail to match the Government's new stakeholder criteria.

Some firms are so concerned about the consequences of recommending unsuitable products that they are preparing a moratorium on the sale of long-term regular premium pensions with high up-front charges.

They are afraid that when the cheap, simple stakeholder 1 Rim projection (8) 2 Scot. town: a collecting Lord pension is introduced in two years' time, some of the old-style plans will be exposed as 4 Unusual item (6) unjustifiably expensive. A 5 Humiliating (11) number of firms are intending 6 Money as single payment to concentrate on single-premium pension plans to avoid be-7 Furniture to work at (4) coming embroiled in further 9 Our Father (5.6) accusations of mis-selling. 12 To-and-fro device (8)

dustry of the two-year delay could be billions of pounds. Companies sold £1.1 billion worth of new regular premium contracts in 1998, plus 5507 mil-

ingle-premium plans. The Association of British Insurers, the industry's trade body, has unofficially told

lion of additions to existing pol-

icies and £4.5 billion worth of

members to consider the charging structure of the pensions they are selling.

Tony Baker, deputy director-general of the ABI, said: "We have told companies that they should be careful about selling any products with high initial charges, transfer penalties, or where customers will have to pay twice for advice.
"Making these judgments is

may not be sold in the next two

Insurers are desperate not to repeat the mis-selling scandal of the 1980s and 1990s that could eventually cost the industry 522 billion. As a result, some have decided to concentrate on single-premium products or the new individual savings account (Isa) instead. In response to industry concerns, the Financial Services Authority (FSA) is prenaring to issue guidelines within the next few weeks.

An FSA spokeswoman said: The guidelines will say that if insurance companies think a stakeholder pension would be more suitable for a client, then they should not sell them longterm products with high frontend charges. It is a warning shot across the bows because prevention now is better than having to find a cure later."

EU tax back in spotlight

was to meet Ford officials in

Detroit amid fears that up to

300 Bridgend jobs were at risk.

BY MARTIN WALLER

THE meeting of European finance ministers in Brussels today will again consider the socalled "withholding tax", a measure proposed by the European Commission as part of moves towards tax harmonisation. Critics say it could cost up to 110,000 jobs in the City. Financial institutions in London have urged Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, to use

his power of veto to block the measure, but this is thought unlikely at today's meeting. The Treasury has said it will not sanction any move that would harm London as an international financial centre.

but it has stopped short of condemning the tax outright. Its critics fear that finance ministers will eventually arrive at a compromise with a watereddown version of the tax, perhaps in exchange for a greater opening-up of continental finan-cial services markets.

RLINE BOATS . EISMANN . AS COMPONENTS . WEETABIX . 3 Corby. The new new town that has successfully recreated itself. Since 1980, over 1,000 new businesses have blossomed here creating 14,000

new jobs. Over £1.2 billion of private investment has flowed in with some 14 million sq ft of new business space built and filled. With modern new business parks and our famous fast-track Planning Zones, a complete New Business World has been created. Give your business new room to breathe and grow in Corby, the Live Centre of England. For a full information pack phone Jon Blake on 01536 262571 or return the coupon.

Company

To: Corby Industrial Development Centre, Grosvenor House, George Street, Corby, Northants NN17 17Z. Tel: 01536 262571 Fax: 01536 401374, E-mail iblake@corbyworks.demon.co.uk 2 At The Live Centre

OEF predicts deeper recession

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT**

THE manufacturing recession has yet to

take its full toll of the growing services sector and could push the country into a deeper downturn than the Treasury is expecting, a leading economics thinktank predicts today.

Oxford Economic Forecasting said that declining manufacturing output would have a knock-on effect on the demand for services, with transport and support services especially under threat. The warning comes despite growing hopes in the markets that Britain's economy is on course for a soft landing. The tax-cutting element

of last week's Budget has even led some analysis to speculate that interest rates have now reached the bottom of the cycle.

Analysts are eagerly awaiting the publication of the minutes from the last Mone-tary Policy Committee meeting later this week for clues as to whether the Bank of England's decision to leave rates on hold merely reflected a pause or signalled a halt to the Bank's rate-cutting spree. The MPC's views on the Budget arithmetic are likely to prove especially crucial to the immediate outlook for rates.

OEF argues in its latest UK Industrial Prospects, however, that interest rates will still fall by at least another half point by the summer, and with inflation expect-

ed to fall below target later this year could be reduced even further.

Overall economic growth will slide to just 0.4 per cent this year with the first two quarters likely to see negative growth, leaving the country in a technical recession. Manufacturing output will slump by L4 per cent this year and will have a strong dampening impact on the SCIVICES SECTOR.

However, the report adds that with only about 10 per cent of services turnover directly related to sales to the manufacturing sectors, the more painful impact is likely to come indirectly through a substantial rise in manufacturing unem ployment denting consumer confidence.

NEW TIMES CROSSWORD BOOK AVAILABLE! The Times Two Crosswords Book 8 is now available, at \$3.50 inc. p&p.

DOWN

14 Aircraft engine cover (7)

18 Journal of Plague Year au-

BOOKSHOP

16 Husband of Titania (6)

19 Non-U (4)

Call (990) 134 459 for credit card orders, or send a cheque payable to News Books, to The Times Bookshop, PO Box 345. Falmouth TRH 2YX

SOLUTION TO NO 1664 ACROSS: I Garibaldi 6 Hub 8 No doubt 9 Cater 10 Ajar

DOWN: I Gandalf 2 Rude awakening 3 Bout 4 Lather

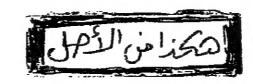
5 In camera 6 Hit one's stride 7 Burly 12 Longueur

20 Guile 21 Termini 22 Tag 23 Recumbent

15 Sophist 16 Mastic 17 Ingot 19 Tram

THE

11 Geomancy 13 Flagon 14 Crisis 17 Ideogram 18 Atop



The Superings

Pol

clei